

Critical Department of Education due dates - Check this link for each month's important deadlines: bit.ly/dedeaddlines.

Tax reform legislation - Sometimes in education when dealing with legislation, we can make the mistake of focusing only on "education bills" and lose track of how other pieces of legislation might affect us. Along those lines, educators need to keep a close watch on the Iowa legislative work regarding property tax reform. If not done correctly, it could have a negative impact on school funding. Stay informed, stay involved.

Administrator Support Program 1.0 and 2.0 - Principals are encouraged to take their leadership to the next level with a comprehensive, year-long professional development program. The 1.0 version focuses on building the capacity to develop and facilitate distributed leadership in their school that aligns to the values and TLC purpose within the district. Principals who previously participated in the Administrator Support Program and are looking to continue to grow their leadership may sign up for the 2.0 program. Both options feature 1:1 principal coaching and three half-day workshops with their leadership team. Principals in 1.0 will also attend a June 26-27 Summer Institute. Training is available August 7 for 2.0 participants. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2019, or until filled. Registration is open at bit.ly/SAIevents. The program is sponsored by the DE, AEAs and SAI.

Leaders matter! - Take a moment to nominate a deserving individual by April 1 for a 2020 Administrator of the Year award at <http://bit.ly/AOY2020>. Award categories are Arts Administrator, Assistant Elementary Principal, Assistant Secondary Principal, Central Office Administrator, Elementary Principal, Middle Level Principal, Secondary Principal and Superintendent. Access award descriptions and criteria at sai-iowa.org/awards-and-scholarships.cfm.

Celebrate your colleagues - Retirees, members observing 25/30/35/40 years in administration and 2019 SAI district Administrator of the Year nominees will be recognized at the SAI Spring District Meetings. Individuals eligible to be recognized are asked to sign up using the district meeting registration. Meeting dates are posted at bit.ly/SAIevents.

Evaluator Approval offered in Ankeny this June - Human Capital Systems to Support 21st Century Learning will be held June 10 & 11 as now, more than ever, the world demands more of our students. A student's educational journey must not only provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, it must also be more intentional about fostering critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and other 21st century skills.

Fostering these critical outcomes in students demands significantly different competencies from our educators. Defining, growing and valuing those new competencies has profound implications for each district's evaluation system and all components of the human capital management system. During these two days, facilitators Tony Bagshaw and Mike Nicholson of Battelle for Kids will help us explore the current landscape, potential competencies and how they might be evaluated, and how local educational leaders can align their human capital management systems to ensure these skills for each learner.

This course also includes an online learning module that requires 3-5 hours to complete. Participants will earn 1 licensure renewal credit that includes Evaluator Approval certification. Register at bit.ly/SAIevents.

Future SAI Annual Conference dates - Reserve July 30-Aug. 1, 2019, and Aug. 4-6, 2020, on your calendars.

Professional Learning Opportunities - register online and find more information at bit.ly/SAIevents

March

20 - Mississippi Bend District Meeting

27 - Great Prairie District Meeting

28 - The Brain and Adversity: How Leaders Can use Applied Educational Neuroscience to Address the Needs of Emotionally and Behaviorally Challenged Students

April

9 - Spring Legal Lab

10 - Heartland District Meeting

17 - Prairie Lakes District Meeting

24 - Green Hills District Meeting