

IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings, March 2018

Tool of the Month—IASB has developed a new toolkit called [Establishing Direction](#), located in the Visionary Team Toolbox. The toolkit is designed to help boards ensure deep learning for all students through clarity of purpose and goal setting. Use these three new tools to help chart the course toward accomplishing this key board responsibility:

- **Vision Statement Critique**—Use this resource as part of a whole board discussion to renew your team’s commitment to your vision.
- **Mission Statement Critique**—Your governance team can use this tool to review your existing mission statement to ensure it captures your board’s beliefs on the purpose of your district.
- **Three Key Ingredients of a Planning Process**—This resource can help you consider essential aspects of a successful district-planning process.

For more information, contact Lou Ann Lgvist@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7064.

Impact of Supplemental State Aid and Equity Bills—IASB recently [sent a legislative update](#) to members outlining HF 2230 (SSA) and SF 455 (equity), and an updated [SSA/New Money Calculator tool](#) to help districts see the impact of these bills by school district. Additional tools include an updated [district cost per pupil comparison tool](#) and [transportation aid by school district](#). For more information, contact Shawn Snyder at ssnyder@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7054.

New At the Board Table Series: Coherence, The Right Drivers in Place for Schools, Districts and Systems—Iowa school boards are champions for all children and can be catalysts for district coherence. We have developed a new *At the Board Table* four-part video series based on convention keynoter Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn's book, *Coherence: The Right Drivers for Schools, Districts and Systems*. The new *Coherence* series features digital learning with audio narration and supports thoughtful board discussion with little prep time. The first exercise, [Part 1: Focusing Direction](#), is available now. Download the facilitation guide for prep tips and technology and troubleshooting help. Then, access the digital exercise and start your learning today! Please log in to access this tool. For more information, contact Lou Ann Lgvist@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7064.

April Policy Conference Focuses on Cybersecurity, School Safety, Employee Relations—The power of policy as a governing tool is remarkable. As the voice of the board, policy should communicate a district’s culture, help a governance team lead effectively and deliver results for student success. Through policy, boards can transform vision into practice. Join us at the Policy Leadership and Legal Issues Conference on April 12 to brush up on board policy basics and dig into hot topics including cybersecurity, school safety, employee relations, compensation and benefits and more. Register at www.ia-sb.org/policyconference. For more information, contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7048.



Spring *On the Agenda* Board Calendar— A board calendar is a simple tool that governance teams can use as a starting place to ensure efficient, effective board meetings and strengthen the decision making of the board. [The spring issue is available now](#). Expect a new issue of *On the Agenda* in June with topics for the summer. If you have a suggested agenda item, please contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7040.

February Issue of *BoardConnect*—This month featured the [Gilmore City-Bradgate Board of Education and their focus on project-based learning](#), a [video segment with Parents for Great Iowa Schools Founder Rose Green](#), tips for discussion topics when discussing budget parameters and more. [Check out the full issue!](#) If you didn't receive the email, please contact Tammy Votava at tvotava@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7040.

New Student Achievement Tool: Sample Board Questions for Progress Reports—This [template](#) can provide a framework for governance teams as they prepare for administrator/staff progress reports at board meetings. These questions were developed through ongoing work with multiple board teams over the last few years. Once your board has discussed and refined the questions, share them with administrative and teacher leadership in advance of the progress report. For more information, contact Harry Heiligenthal at hheiligenthal@ia-sb.org or (515) 247-7062.

Calendar of Events

March 8—[The Second Cut: 2nd Legislative Funnel Webinar](#)

March 14—[HR Best Practices: The Licensed Employee Contract Termination Process Webinar](#)

March 21—[Post Legislative Funnel, Part 2 Webinar](#)

April 12— [Policy Leadership and Legal Issues Conference](#)

Save the Dates! April 19, 24 and May 1, 9—Safety Group Risk Management Workshops and Benefit Compliance Seminars

For a complete listing, visit www.ia-sb.org/schoolboardu.

