

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBSCRIPTION includes:

Policy Starter - A sample online and searchable policy manual has been developed by a team of attorneys at the Lynch Dallas, P.C. law firm in Cedar Rapids, led by veteran Iowa school attorney Brett Nitzschke.

Bargaining Exhibit Services - These bargaining exhibits are district specific and are easy to customize. Subscribers will find a variety of comparability groups - literally with one or two clicks of the mouse - including charts and specific narrative, to best tell a district's unique circumstance. This tool will drastically reduce the time and money spent collecting comparability information and developing charts.

Policy booster, policy examination and consulting services with referral to Lynch Dallas, P.C., and phone and email support are also included for supplemental subscribers.

"I tune in weekly to the ISFIS Webinars to get the most up-to-date information that I can use myself and to also pass along to our Board members. The financial and legislative information that Margaret and Larry provide, assures that the districts I represent, stay current and informed, which is a must during this era of reform."

*-Gary Richardson, Superintendent
MOC-Floyd Valley CSD & West Sioux CSD*

"Thanks for the voluminous amount of information you have on the ISFIS website! In looking for important historical information, I came to ISFIS and there it was. Thank you so much for all the data you put there - we really do appreciate it and use it!"

*-Marsha Tangen, Chief Financial Officer
Davenport Community School District*

ISFIS offers comprehensive financial data, expert consultation on Iowa school finance, videos and other informational materials explaining the school finance formula, as well as responsive one-on-one consultation. We cater to the specific needs of superintendents, business officials, and school board members in all aspects of school finance. We work with strategic partners to provide best in class programs that meet finance, policy, student achievement and other needs of school leaders. We are dedicated to providing unbiased and timely information schools need to make the best possible decisions on the behalf of local schools, children and communities.

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What can ISFIS
do for you?



ISFIS utilizes a subscription based model for its basic and supplemental services.

BASIC SUBSCRIPTION Includes

School Finance Tools Suite – Suite of tools including Financial Analysis Comparison Tool (FACTTool), Cash Flow Management Tool, Building Level Data, Budget Projection Tool, Enrollment Projection Tool, Salary Schedule Costing Tool, communication tools, and more. These tools are designed to help districts understand, comply and compare their financial data, and many of these tools were developed in response to questions from subscribers.

Virtual Briefing Room – Regular Situation Report (SitRep) updates where ISFIS staff and invited experts provide webinar content on school finance, legislative issues and other important and timely topics affecting public education in Iowa. Subscribers are invited to attend periodic special topic webinars, which are more in-depth explorations of a specific school finance topic. Webinars are always recorded and free for downloading, and later reviewing, by subscribers.

Virtual Presentations to School Boards Included - Whether new or experienced, boards, superintendents or business officials may request specific training on anything from understanding the basics of Iowa school finance to a general review of the budget, to an explanation of federal funds, or an impact analysis of unspent authority. ISFIS experts are happy to present at subscriber board meetings via Skype or another online, interactive webinar format.

"ISFIS is a place to find information I need with the expertise to back it up. As an ISFIS subscriber, I have found and shared so many tools with my Superintendent and my Board that help all of us make the best financial decisions we can for our district. As a Business Director, one of the best decisions you can make is the decision to be a subscriber with ISFIS!"

-Roxanne Aude, Business Director
Camanche Community School District

Legislative Tracking and Advocacy - Our partners have nearly 40 years of combined experience in public policy and education. ISFIS tracks legislation, helps schools analyze and measure financial and policy impact on local schools and communities, and provides tools districts need to connect with their legislators to make a difference. Subscribers will also receive an annual Legislative Digest summarizing all current session actions impacting schools and advising districts as new laws and requirements are adopted.

Local Levy and Finance Communication Tools and Templates – A wide range of customizable Power Point presentations, press releases, resolutions, ballot templates and election compliance consults are available to subscribers. Unlimited phone and email support and reduced fees for on-site consulting are also included for subscribers.

ISFIS offers an expanding menu of programs and training opportunities to help school officials better serve their districts. ISFIS subscription is not required to take advantage of these valuable programs. Some examples include:

What's Their Background - ISFIS has partnered with IntelliCorp Records, Inc., a nationwide provider of background checks and employment screening services, to develop What's Their Background, an online pre-employment screening service for Iowa school districts. IntelliCorp is a nationwide provider of background checks and employment screening services and solutions. This program assists businesses and organizations mitigate exposure to workplace violence, criminal activity, fraud, and negligent-hiring lawsuits. With over 14 years of experience, IntelliCorp has achieved compliance with the Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program (BSAAP) from the NAPBS Background Screeners Credentialing Council (BSCC), and is formally recognized as BSCC Accredited.

"We have been very pleased with how quickly requests are processed and returned through the ISFIS background check program. Each background check processed has been at a savings to what we had been paying and we would recommend use of this service."

-Darcy Moeller, Business Manager
Indianola Community School District

Education Cash Flow Fund (ECF) - ECF is a joint venture between Piper Jaffray and ISFIS that strives to bring districts the most competitive cash flow borrowing alternatives in the marketplace.

Skills Iowa - Assessment Center and Skills Tutor are the technology tools of the Skills Iowa program, designed to help teachers assess student learning and provide tutorials to supplement instruction for students in grades 3-12. ISFIS staff and partners provide training and support on the technology and implementation to building staff.

Budget Workshops – Each February, ISFIS, along with Piper Jaffray, partners with Iowa's Area Education Agencies to provide face-to-face budget preparation tools and consultation. These hands-on workshops provide over 300 districts each year with the opportunity to come together to discuss and prepare their individual budgets in just one highly productive day!

Annual Conference – Join us in June at our annual conference to connect with school finance and policy experts, while learning about the latest trends in Iowa school finance, finance and business tools, activities at the legislature, and much more! ISFIS Basic Finance subscribers receive a reduced registration rate.

Regional Training – ISFIS can help schools get the most out of board meetings! We provide regional training for multiple districts at the same time. This is a great way to get districts together to discuss issues, and learn how others may approach similar situations.

Special Education Services - ISFIS has developed an array of services to assist schools in analyzing their special education programs and services and move forward. Sue Larsen has over 40 years of experience in special education that gives her the know-how and perspective to help you deliver quality services to your most struggling learners.