



Call for 2016 Legislative Priorities

Why is this Important

Iowa school boards represent the voice of local citizens in public education. The ability of school boards to speak with one voice about state policy affecting education is the foundation of effective advocacy.

Spend time during your June, July or August board meetings to analyze, discuss, and vote on your district's top legislative priorities for next year. This call should give all school boards at least two meetings to identify priorities for the 2016 General Session by doing one or more of the following:

- Pick no more than four priorities for the 2016 IASB platform
- Suggest amendments to existing resolutions or recommend new resolutions
- Identify resolutions that should be removed from the platform if they are no longer relevant or critical

Review the IASB Legislative Platform and submit your district's top four legislative priorities by August 14 on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2H3Y3YC>.

The Resolutions and Priorities Process

- The IASB Legislative Resolutions Committee (LRC), at its August meeting, will review the submitted resolutions, prioritize them and make recommendations to the IASB Board of Directors.
- The IASB Board of Directors, at its September meeting, will vote to approve or modify the LRC recommendations and forward the report to the Delegate Assembly.
- The IASB Delegate Assembly will meet in Des Moines on November 18, 2015. The Delegate Assembly is the official body that establishes the IASB Legislative Priorities, Resolutions and Beliefs.

What is the Legislative Resolutions Committee?

The strength of the IASB legislative platform is based on member input. The Legislative Resolutions Committee is a 19 member committee comprised of K-12 board members, an AEA representative and an Iowa Community College Board of Trustees member. The IASB President-elect presides over the LRC. The LRC is a cross-section of school boards from across Iowa, big and small, urban and rural.

Thank you for adding your voices to the IASB legislative grassroots process!

Remember: IASB needs your top four resolutions by August 14.

Please visit this link to obtain a copy of all supporting documents; <http://www.iasb.org/LegislativeAdvocacy.aspx?id=16014>.

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