

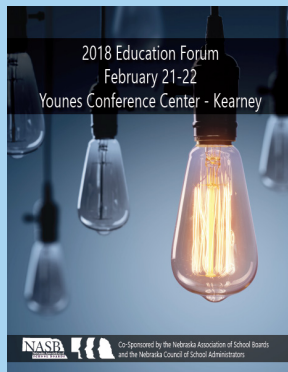


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(*Rescheduled from January 22)

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2018 MARKS NASB'S 100TH YEAR AS YOUR ASSOCIATION.

THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR WILL BE A TIME FOR US TO REFLECT ON THE PAST,
WORK TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT, AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

SNOW CAUSES THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE TO BE SMALL, BUT MIGHTY

While winter weather kept many at home, including a Senator scheduled to speak, those members who were able to travel to Lincoln for the Legislative Issues Conference were enlightened by Colby Coash's presentation on Sunday evening, and the Monday program packed with Governor Ricketts, and Senators Scheer, Groene, Krist, Stinner and Walz addressing the group.

Former Senator Colby Coash wowed the audience Sunday evening asking them who it is exactly, telling the story of their district. Coash to the audience, "Your word as a board member, should carry weight. It does carry weight." As school board members, you need to be telling your story before others try to tell it for you! He stressed the importance of school board members creating a relationship with their Senator and pointed out that board members are elected to represent their constituents, just like the Senators.

John Spatz opened Monday morning reiterating that Nebraska needs a vision for its future. "Does anyone really run for office saying their number one strategy is to invest in prisons? Yet that's where we are." Spatz went on to say, "I cringe when politicians say the only way forward is cuts. Economic growth is our number one strategy for increasing resources. Invest in it."

Following Spatz, Governor Pete Ricketts addressed the group with a primary focus on taxes, the budget and education. Following the Governor, Speaker Scheer touched on the overall landscape of the session, and his role in leading and managing it these next 40-some days. After the Speaker, Education Committee Chair Mike Groene addressed key education bills scheduled this session, and took questions from the audience. Senator Krist followed to discuss policy, bills, and the future of Nebraska. In addressing education specifically, he told the



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audience, “We can no longer afford to demonize education. Education is an investment in our state’s future.”

Next up, former school board president and current chair of the Appropriations Committee, John Stinner shed light on the state’s current budget situation, and how that will affect various bills. Senator Lynne Walz closed the morning discussing pro-education legislation that she and fellow colleagues, alongside NASB and many other education partners, have worked to introduce this session.

As always, the Legislative Issues Conference concluded with the Lunch with Senators. Again, we thank those Senators and attendees who braved the weather to attend this year’s event, but obviously understand all of those who were unable to make it to Lincoln. Based on the twitter activity during the conference, many of you unable to attend were following along online!

(NOTE: The Budget & Finance Workshop that was planned for Monday afternoon was postponed and will be held in two locations: February 28 in Lincoln, March 15 in Kearney. You can register to attend this event at www.NASBonline.org)



NASB's Annual Membership Drive Coming Soon



2018 marks NASB's 100th year as your Association. This centennial year will be a time for us to reflect on the past, work to improve the present, and prepare for the future.

No mission is more challenging, more satisfying, or more essential to the future of our state than preparing the next generation of Nebraskans to be successful adults. As school board members, you have a vital role in supporting that mission, and NASB is here, committed to supporting you, the 1,724 school board members across our state.

When our predecessors gathered a century ago to form NASB, the world was a very different place. Earning a high school diploma was less common, and changing careers was rare. But the mission of the public schools was still to prepare students to be successful adults, and the mission of school board members was still to support the work of the schools. Our Association's mission has always been to support the work of school board members and their administration.

So, what will the next 100 years bring? *The class of 2030 walked through your doors this fall.* What knowledge, skills, and attitudes will they need to be successful adults? How will the work of the schools change to prepare them? As school board members, how will your roles change to support the public schools? We will answer those questions together.

We continue to work daily to provide you the money-saving programs and information-sharing services you need to thrive. We are shaping a strategic vision to develop a long term sustainable system of funding public education. We are creating the tools and building the partnerships for local school boards to become the educational leaders in their community.

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving more information and ideas so you and your Board can continue to utilize all of the resources, programs, services, and networking opportunities your NASB membership provides.

Your membership grants you access to all of the resources NASB provides and allows your collaborative thinking and partnership to continually enhance and build upon where we currently are, and have the power to go. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you every day, as we all aim to keep public education strong across Nebraska.



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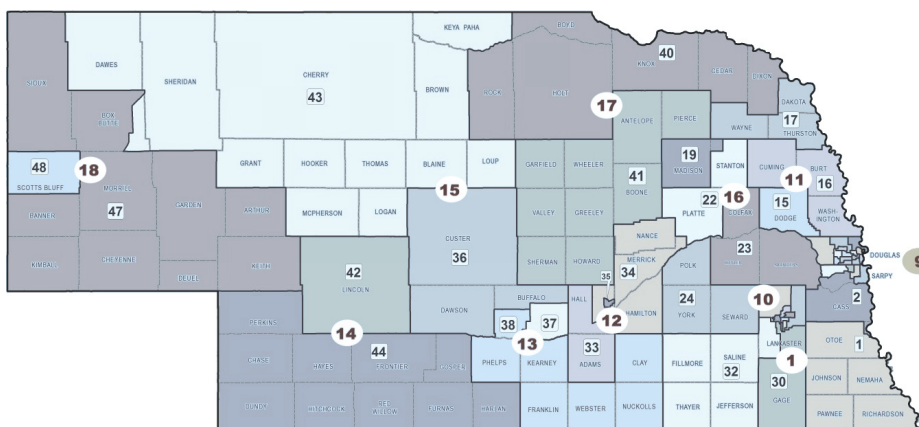


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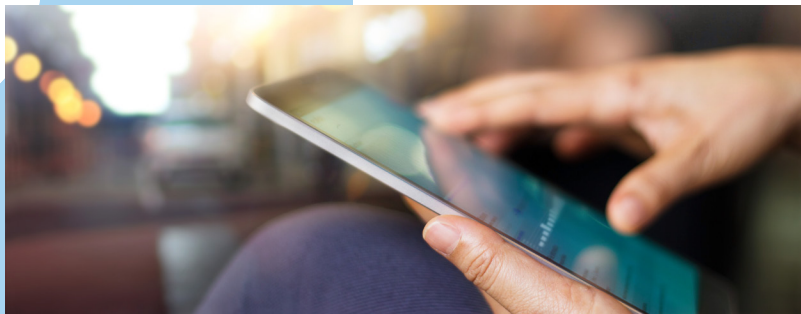


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Through this process we will be able to highlight the areas that are presently omitted and add the policies that most experienced boards and administrators believe are necessary for setting out the basic expectations for the operation and governance of your district. When these new policies are brought into your reorganized and updated manual, they are reviewed with your administrators and board policy committee to ensure the language and intent is appropriate to your own district.

The goal of the NASB Policy Customization Service is to create a completed, customized policy manual (in hard copies and electronic format) with legal referencing and indexing that reflects in writing how your individual district actually operates. This is a time intensive process on our part, but the result is to make your manual easier to use and simpler to update in future years.

BUDGET & FINANCE WORKSHOPS

NEW
DATES

FEBRUARY 28 | LINCOLN

MARCH 15 | KEARNEY

6:30 TO 9:30 PM

REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2018 BUDGET & FINANCE WORKSHOPS!

As a Leadership Team, it is the responsibility of both the board and Superintendent/ESU Administrator to manage the finances within their district/ESU. This workshop will feature Superintendents Matt Fisher of Northwest Public Schools and Carl Dietz of Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools, two school finance experts, who will share their experiences in:

- Overview of individual school funds and approved uses
- Understanding the building of a budget
- Learning how Special Education affects a budget
- TEEOSA Formula 101
- Negotiations - what can be negotiated & what to expect
- Explanation of funds and their uses
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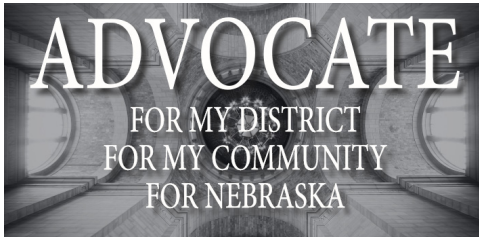
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Join NASB's Legislative and Advocacy Team, along with members of NASB's Legislation Committee, Board of Directors, and others from districts across Nebraska for our Legislative Lunches during the Legislative Session. Engage with one another, share thoughts from your districts about key bills, the current schedule, coalitions that are or have the potential of forming, and other hot topics on the attendees minds.



2018 Education Forum | February 21-22 | Kearney

This conference is targeted at board members, superintendents, ESU administrators, and principals across Nebraska. The 2018 line-up includes a keynote address from Dr. David Mouser titled "Focus on Impact, Teaching the Lessons that Matter", and presentations on: Hiring (and Firing) Season; Mental Health & Resiliency in Public Schools; How the New Federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA) Impacts Nebraska Public Schools; Public Records and You; Remember the Middle: The Impact of College Prep in Grades 6-8; Special Education Update--Impact of Fry and Endrew F; and more!



NASB President's Retreat

Board Presidents, and those who aspire to be President are invited to attend the annual NASB President's Retreat, "Board President - Purposeful Leadership." We will be hosting two retreats this year, each will begin Sunday evening at 5:30 PM, with a Social, Dinner & Training, followed by President Training from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday.

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Each location is limited to 24 attendees, there are still a few seats available. RSVP by February 13 for Lincoln, February 20 for North Platte, by emailing mherring@NASBonline.org or you may call 800-422-4572.



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One of the most unfamiliar, but important tasks school board members and district administrators may face deals with school board hearings, closed sessions, and other legal and procedural issues. It is here where so many questions arise: What are the due process requirements? What responsibilities do school board members have? What is the role of an administrator in a hearing? This workshop will cover these and other hearing-related issues, including what policies a board should consider adopting to manage the types of issues that may be subject to a due process hearing.

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