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IT'S PINK POSTCARD SEASON

A WALK THROUGH ON TIMELINES FOR POSTCARD PRINTING & JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS

A huge thank you to the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) for putting all of this together

<https://nebraskacounties.org/services/education.html>



BY AUGUST 20

Certifications of Value are sent by Assessor. There are updated forms this year.



BY SEPTEMBER 4

County Clerks will designate date, time and location for joint public hearing, and publish notice of the hearing in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the county. County will post notice of the hearing on the home page of the county website if the county population is more than ten thousand. *NOTE: Labor Day falls on the 4th this year, please encourage your political subdivisions to turn in information by Friday, September 1st.*

Deadline for subdivisions to provide phone number and proposed tax request to County Assessor.

County Budget Prep Worksheets should be prepared by August 20th to populate new certification value. APA will have a tab on budget forms to calculate Real Growth % (same as last year except schools will look different for school bond exclusion). County Assessor will receive relevant information via email from the Political Subdivisions for the postcard. As a reminder: Political Subdivisions not headquartered in county will need to report to the assessor in all counties where their taxpayers are impacted by the tax request increase. It is the responsibility of the political subdivision to electronically submit information for the postcard to the county assessor(s) of all your taxpayers. Use the <https://nebraskacounties.org/directory.html> to find county assessor emails.

Recommended Data for the Postcard to be Electronically Submitted to the Assessor

- The location, date and time of the Public Hearing political subdivision is headquartered
- Contact person, phone number and email address of political subdivision
- Prior Year Total Taxable Value: Sum of all prior year certifications of taxable value
- Current Year Total Taxable Value: Sum of all current year certifications of taxable value
- Prior Year Total Real Property Value: Sum of all prior year certifications of taxable value
- Real Growth Value: Sum of all current year certifications of taxable value
- Prior Year Property Tax Request
- Current Year Property Tax Request
- Allowable Growth: Prior Year Property Tax Request multiplied by Allowable Growth Percentage

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Publication and Website Requirements. County Assessor will need to provide the County Clerk with a list of all political subdivisions and locations, date and time of hearings for publication. The Clerk will notify each participating political subdivision of the date, time, and location of the joint public hearing. Publication and website shall include the date, time, and location for the joint public hearing, a listing of and telephone number for each political subdivision that will be participating in the joint public hearing, and the amount of each participating political subdivision's property tax request. (include all joint public hearings that impact your county's taxpayers). Newspaper publication cost is not reimbursable. Each participating political subdivision shall also maintain a prominently displayed and easily accessible link on the home page of the political subdivision's website to the political subdivision's proposed budget, except that this requirement shall not apply if the political subdivision is a county with a population of less than ten thousand inhabitants, a city with a population of less than one thousand inhabitants, or, for joint public hearings prior to January 1, 2024, a school district.



NEW THIS YEAR

School Bond Exclusion - Property tax request means the total amount of property taxes requested to be raised for a political subdivision through the levy imposed pursuant to section 77-1601, excluding the amount to be levied for the payment of principal or interest on bonds issued or authorized to be issued by a school district.



SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH 24 - JOINT PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD

County is responsible for organizing joint hearing (must be held after 6:00 PM). Each participating subdivision must designate one person to attend the joint public hearing and one elected official will be in attendance. Presentation(s) must be provided by a representative from each political subdivision about the increase in property tax request. Public must be allowed a reasonable amount of time to speak at joint public hearing. Meeting must be held before any participating subdivision files their adopted budget with the State Auditor. County may hold their regular budget meetings prior to the joint public hearing. The presentation shall include the following:

- The name of the political subdivision
- The amount of the property tax request
- The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by [XX] Percent
- The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$ [X.XXXX] per \$100 of assessed value
- The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$ [X.XXXX] per \$100 of assessed value
- Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision) will exceed last year's by [XX] Percent
- To obtain more information regarding the increase in the property tax request, citizens may contact the (name of political subdivision) at (telephone number and email address of political subdivision).



NEW THIS YEAR

Hearing Date Requirements. ***At least one elected official from each participating political subdivision shall attend the joint public hearing.*** An elected official may be the designated representative from a participating political subdivision. The presence of a quorum or the participation of elected officials at the joint public hearing does not constitute a meeting as defined by section 84-1409 of the Open Meetings Act.

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Within 10 days of joint public hearing - County Clerk must provide a report to all participating subdivisions. The name(s) of the designated representative and the political subdivisions participating in the JPH. The real growth value and real growth percentage for each participating political subdivision. The amount each participating political subdivision seeks to increase its % in excess of the allowable growth %. The number of individuals who signed in to attend the joint public hearing. Name and address of individuals that spoke at the hearing, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual. The name of any organization represented by each such individual. Name of participating subdivision that presented at the hearing. State Auditor has created a form and provided to County Clerks. State Auditor and NACO are requesting a copy of the report.



After the joint public hearing the governing body shall pass an ordinance or resolution to set the property tax request. The ordinance or resolution is due to the county clerk by October 15. The ordinance or resolution MUST include name of the political subdivision, amount of property tax request, the record vote of the governing body in passing the resolution or ordinance, and the following statements:

- "The total assessed value differs from last year's total assessed value by [XX] percent."
- "The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$[0.XXXXX] per \$100 of assessed value."
- "The [NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION] proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$ [X.XXXX] per \$100 of assessed value."
- "Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of [NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION] will exceed last year's by [XX.XX] percent."



SEPTEMBER 30

Final day to file adopted budget to State Auditor

POSTCARD NOTIFICATION - JOINT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE / COST SHARE

County Board selects printing company. For Counties that designate the State Print Shop, NACO will facilitate with software vendors and the state print shop will presort and mail. Last year there was a 24 to 48 hour turnaround. NACO will invoice counties for printing, presort and postage, using pulsar pink cardstock at an estimated cost of .45 cents a postcard. Cards must be sent to all affected tax-payers (Assessor) seven days prior to joint public hearing in their county. The initial cost for Postcards, Printing, and Postage will be paid from the County General Fund. Cost of Postcards will be divided proportionately among participating subdivisions. Example: Anonymous County (13,665 parcels) and City of Townsville (3,557 parcels) must be on the postcards. Assume the per unit cost for each postcard is .50 cents. The total cost for the County will be \$6,832.50 (13,665 x .50 cents). Townsville will reimburse County \$889.25 (3,557 x .25 cents). (The actual cost is estimated at .45 cents.) Counties that use MIPS Assessor software will receive a breakdown to assist with postcard reimbursement cost.

TRAINING, NETWORKING, ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS

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Your Monthly Board Agenda Update Video Links from NASB

<https://members.nasbonline.org/news-resources/video-library>

AUGUST
2023



Area Membership Meeting - August 22 - Valentine

Area Membership Meeting - August 23 - Gering

Area Membership Meeting - August 24 - York

Area Membership Meeting - August 29 - North Platte

SEPTEMBER
2023

Area Membership Meeting - September 6 - Norfolk

Area Membership Meeting - September 13 - Kearney

Area Membership Meeting - September 19 - La Vista

Area Membership Meeting - September 20 - Fremont

Area Membership Meeting - September 27 - Nebraska City



OCTOBER
2023

Labor Relations Conference - October 4-5 - Lincoln

To register for an NASB event, click on the 'My Membership' link, then navigate to the 'Events' dropdown and select 'Register'. If you do not have an email and password to log in or have forgotten it, please contact NASB at 800-422-4572 for assistance.

AT THE BOARD TABLE

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BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

<https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership>



Each month, this space reflects recommended regular board meeting agenda items to include in the upcoming board meeting agenda. Please contact Marcia at mherring@NASBonline.org if you have questions or recommendations for improving the Board Meeting Annual Calendar. View the full calendar at: <https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership/resources>

AUGUST BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

In addition to routine agenda items, time sensitive topics include:

• POLICY REVIEW

- I. **Personnel Report.** On or before September 15 § 79-804
- II. **Federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA).** Annual notice provided to parents of the policies regarding surveys of students, instructional materials, physical examinations, personal information used for marketing.
- III. **Federal Child Nutrition Programs.** If school districts participate in National School Lunch Programs the School Breakfast Program or the Special Milk Program, they must provide parents and the public information about free and reduced-price meals and/or free milk and must provide parents with an application form.
- IV. **Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.** Requires public notice of the education rights of homeless students.
- V. **Federal Non-Discrimination.** Requires all recipients of federal funds to notify their students, parents, and others that they do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age, and if applicable, that they provide equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.
- VI. **Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).** Annual notice to parents of a child with a disability of the district's procedural safeguards. A notice must also be placed on the district's website. The notice must be easily understandable and in the native language of the parents.

• BUDGET

- I. **Collective Bargaining; Timelines.** On or before **September 15**, negotiations contract dispute decision; Boards may enter into collective bargaining agreements for periods not to exceed four years. § 48-811, § 48-816, and § 48-818
- II. **Collective Bargaining Timeline.** On or before September 1, of the year preceding the contract year in question, the certificated and instructional employees' collective-bargaining agent shall request recognition as bargaining agent. The governing board shall respond to such request not later than the following October 1 § 48-818.01
- III. ***Certification of District's Assessed Valuation Public Budget Hearing / Adopt Budget;** Due on or before September 20 § 13-508 § 79-1084, § 79-1085, § 79-1086, § 13-506, § 13-518
- IV. ***Board Adopted Budget.** On or before September 30, General Budget Adoption. The board shall file with, certify to the levying board, and file with the auditor a copy of the adopted budget statement together with the amount of the tax required to fund the adopted budget. § 13-508
- V. **Report to County Board.** On or before **September 30**, a [Class III school district boards] are required to report to the county board and the learning community coordinating council (if applicable) the entire revenue raised by taxation and all other sources for the previous fiscal year and a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. § 79-1084

*****Review the full August Agenda on page 30 of the 2023 NASB Board Meeting Guide & Annual Board Calendar.***

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BOARD RETREAT

To support our members who did not have the opportunity to participate in the New Board Member Workshops consider a Board Retreat to engage with your newly elected board members as they continue to transition into their new role. Please contact Marcia Herring, NASB Director of Board Leadership at mherring@NASBonline.org or 402-817-0296 to schedule a board retreat or private sessions through Microsoft Teams to review the board role and responsibilities.

UPCOMING NASB BOARD LEADERSHIP EVENTS

NASB New Board Member Workshop - Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Join the NASB Board Leadership Team in Kearney for the opportunity to engage newly elected board members who did not have the opportunity to attend the NASB New Member Workshop this past December 2022. We are also including an invitation to all newly appointed board members. The agenda will include discussion and review of best practice board governance, meeting protocols, committee work, policy, Open Meetings Law, scenarios, goal planning, superintendent evaluation, and more. Stay tuned for more information regarding the registration details.

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NETWORK WITH PEERS AT THIS YEAR'S AREA MEETINGS

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2023 AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Training - Recognition - Networking - Engagement

Valentine - Gering - York - North Platte - Norfolk - Kearney - La Vista - Fremont - Nebraska City



VISION: ENGAGED

4:30 PM - REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & EXHIBITORS

5:00 PM - OPENING SESSION

5:35 PM - BREAK & EXHIBITORS

5:50 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS #1

6:30 PM - BREAK & EXHIBITORS

6:40 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS #2

7:25 PM - NETWORKING DINNER & AWARDS/RECOGNITION

15 AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT POINTS WILL BE EARNED FOR ATTENDING

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

VISION: ENGAGED - NAEP PEER DISCUSSION, PORTAL REVIEW, & TRAINING - POLICY: EVERYTHING BUT THE KITCHEN SINK
EFFECTIVELY ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY - BOARD GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS
A LOOK AT THE PRESENTS & COAL THE LEGISLATURE LEFT US THIS YEAR - ALICAP'S SCHOOL SAFETY POOLING
IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! THE ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

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LEARN MORE AND REGISTER NOW FOR THE MEETING NEAREST YOU AT:

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SEEING YOUR DISTRICT CLEARLY

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<https://members.nasbonline.org/programs-services/data-analytics>

There is a great deal of available data on your district, your community, and your county.

NASB's Data Analytics program offers data and analysis to school districts for the purposes of consolidation feasibility studies, student achievement, school improvement, curriculum revision, new program implementation, goal setting, or educational visioning.

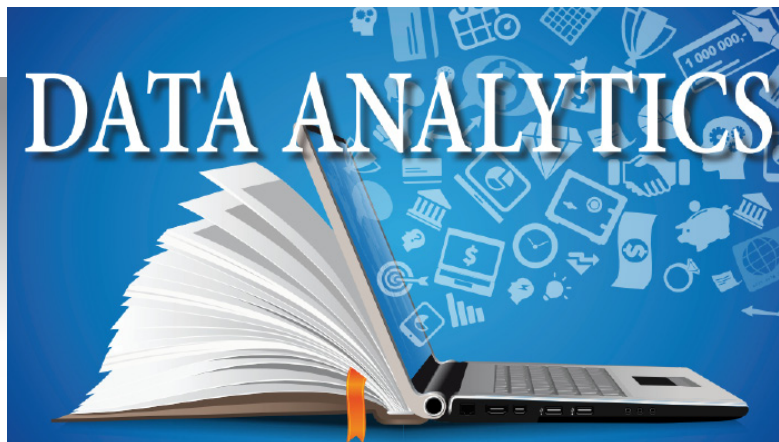
Most of this is publicly available data, but organizing, analyzing, and displaying the data to examine particular aspects of your district can be intimidating. NASB can take your district's big questions, find appropriate data to help you answer them, and present it in a clear, understandable format.

Raw standardized test scores and simple percentile averages generally don't tell us much. The same large volumes of data are available for nearby or similarly sized districts and it is through the comparisons with them that data can often present a more meaningful picture. Looking at the information in relation to other districts often provides a much better perspective of a district's strengths and challenges. Demographic information is often similarly unclear without other districts' and communities' situations to compare yours against.

As you begin a new school year, this is a great time to focus on the big picture of where your district really stands.

TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

Jim Luebbe - 800-422-4572 - jluebbe@NASBonline.org

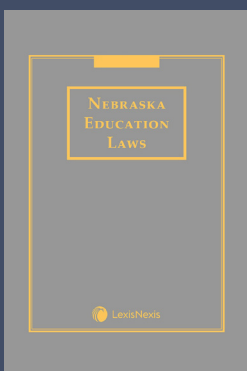


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Earlier this month, NASB Executive Director, John Spatz, Association Executive Director and Director of Government Relations, Colby Coash, and NASB Past President Brad Wilkins participated in the annual National Forum on Education Policy put on by the Education Commission of the States (ECS), in Minneapolis.

ECS is a membership organization that partners with education policy leaders to address issues by sharing resources and expertise, and John serves a key role with this group, making sure Nebraska's school board members have a voice at the table.

Created over 50 years ago, ECS serves both the people who develop and implement education policy and the students who directly benefit. At the Forum, many issues of common interest were addressed, such as education workforce shortages and early childhood issues.

The organization is led by a Governor as its chair, the vice chair is a legislator, and the political party of the chair and vice chair positions alternate every two years. In Minneapolis we saw the former Governor of Arkansas, Asa Hutchinson, pass the gavel to the new Chair of ECS, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly.

ECS supports all 50 states and four territories – the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Each state appoints seven commissioners who help guide the work of ECS, and their own state's education agendas. Commissioners also have the authority to approve amendments to bylaws and provide strategic information to ECS staff regarding state education policy issues.

The key role ECS plays is to bring education leaders together from different backgrounds, states, and political views at annual gatherings to provide opportunities to interact, learn and collaborate.

“ECS was a great opportunity to gain new perspectives on educational policy. All the innovation and creativity taking place in education definitely debunks the negative narrative that some would have us believe.” - Brad Wilkins, Ainsworth BOE & NASB Past President

In Nebraska the Education Commission of the States representatives are: Governor Jim Pillen; Commissioner of Education Brian Maher; Senators Lynn Walz, Kathleen Kauth, and LuAnn Linehan; John Spatz, Executive Director, NASB; & Mike Baumgartner, Executive Director of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Higher Education.

ECS is the trusted source for comprehensive knowledge and resources on hundreds of education policy issues. It is a non-partisan organization that provides research of both sides of issues along with what is happening on the issue in other areas. ECS gives policy makers the information they need in shaping policy in their state on critical educational issues. While covering the full spectrum of education policy, Education Commission of the States dives deeply into key issues impacting all states.

To learn more, visit their website at <http://www.ecs.org/>



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... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

This year's Session is done, the work is not!

Now is a great time to engage your lawmaker while they are in the district. Reach out if NASB can help you make a connection. Advocacy starts at home!

Reminder, many bills passed this year will require a **POLICY CHANGE** by the board. Policies on option enrollment, dress code, and graduation requirements for example will require board review and/or action.

A number of Interim Hearings have been introduced on topics like Truancy, School Choice, Parental Involvement, SEL, Mandates, Security, Equalization, Consolidation, and more.

The first of these will be LR 147, an Interim study relating to parental involvement in public schools, held July 31. NASB has been invited to testify, and working with two members and their districts now to help share their stories!

Bookmark NASB's Bills Page at <https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

Your NASB Legislation Committee will meet in August to look over all proposals and priorities to move forward to this year's Delegate Assembly in November.

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on pages 5 & 6.

Marcia, Kari, Katie, Caden & Stacie

... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Board members achieving new levels of success, and boards earning a Board Award, will be recognized at their local Area Membership Meeting.

Visit the Events page at www.NASBOnline.org to register.

GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

Schedule a Gallup retreat for the district leadership team, staff, or board.

Who has Responsibility in their Top 5? I do. We take psychological ownership of what we say we will do. We are committed to stable values such as honesty and loyalty.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Now is the time to contact us for information on the search process if you have a superintendent retiring in June of 2024.

Contact Shari at sbecker@NASBOnline.org for these programs/services!

... ENERGY PURCHASING

Natural gas prices have climbed higher this summer on the strength of record-setting heat waves and the growing use of natural gas to power electric plants. Industry experts expect prices to remain strong in part due to Saudi Arabia's use of Aramco to cut oil production before oversupplies occur and decent world reserves that will limit all but extreme-event short term spikes. This may begin to create near- and mid-term volatility, a situation that allows CJUMP and NJUMP to find gas buying opportunities for our members.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ALICAP & INSURANCE

Many thanks to all those who attended ALICAP's 2023 Summer Safety Workshops! We had a great turnout and very positive feedback! We appreciate everyone making the time in their busy summer.

Heads up! ALICAP's 23-24 billing statements will be mailed out around August 1st.

Thanks, Megan!

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

We are gearing up to see you all at Area Membership Meeting this Fall. Registration is open now!

Contact Sharon with any questions.

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... POLICY

As a part of LB705, the Legislature's 140 page 'Christmas Tree Bill,' schools need a new policy detailing their Behavioral Points of Contact. The troubled mental health of our students frequently leads to self-destructive acts and should be a huge concern to everyone. This new requirement is intended to assist the district with monitoring and improving student mental health in each school building and increasing family access to community health providers. The district's designated behavioral contacts shall be trained in behavioral awareness and have knowledge of community service providers and other resources for supporting students and their families.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... DATA ANALYTICS

With some changes coming in district funding, rapid changes appearing in student education and long-term teacher shortages, some boards may wish to consider the possibility of consolidation with neighboring districts. If your board is interested in gathering data to explore the consequences of a merger, NASB can provide a great deal of useful analysis relating to demographic trends, prospective levies, facilities, student achievement, and other factors worth considering. We make no recommendations since that is the responsibility of the boards involved, but we can provide the basis for constructive deliberations about your district's many options.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

Negotiations season is right around the corner! If you're looking for a refresher or a demonstration, reach out to Darion!

Nicole & Darion will be in Kearney at Administrator Days, July 26-27. Stop by the Sparq booth and say hello!

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