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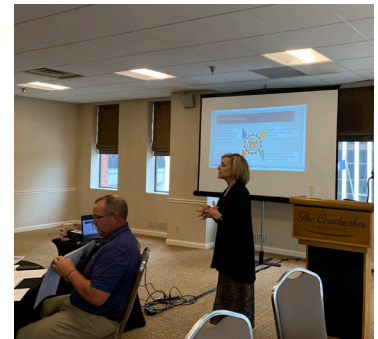
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JUNE EVENTS SEE LEADERSHIP, NETWORKING, LIVE MUSIC AND LONG DRIVES!

Thanks to everyone who joined us in Lincoln earlier this month for incredible team building, goals, structure and more at the Leadership Workshop, and last week in Kearney for the annual golf outing, networking reception at the School Leaders & Law Conference!



The Nebraska Association of School Boards provides programs, services and advocacy to strengthen public education for all Nebraskans. Learn more at www.NASBonline.org

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



ALICAP Summer Safety Workshops - July 10 - Gering

ALICAP Summer Safety Workshops - July 11 - Kearney

ALICAP Summer Safety Workshops - July 12 - Lincoln



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

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

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.

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BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR JULY 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>

JULY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Policy Review
 - I. General policy review
 - II. Student Fees Policy on or before August 1 § 79-2,134;
 - III. Student Conduct on or before August 1 § 79-262;
 - Student Accountability
 - I. Apply for Distance Education Incentives. On or before August 1 (through 2023) § 79-1337;
 - II. Students receiving instruction in another district; contracts authorized. On or before Aug 15 per § 79-598;
 - Budget
 - I. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Statement. § 13-506;
 - II. Budget Authority and Allowable Reserve Percentage Certification § 79-1023;
 - Board-Superintendent Relations
 - I. Superintendent Transparency Act. On or before August 1, file with NDE a copy of the approved contract or amendments for superintendent/ESU administrator services. § 79-2403;
 - Advocacy – Deadline for Legislative Proposals: July 1, 2023
 - Board Leadership Development – Review NASB Board Awards of Achievement Points on or before July 31
- **Review the full July Agenda on page 28 of the 2023 NASB Board Meeting Guide & Annual Board Calendar.**

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

Board President Circle Teams Meeting – Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 8 for the Board President Circle Teams Meeting. We have three options available and look forward to connecting with you!

Option I – 12:00 PM CT

Option II – 12:00 PM MT

Option III – 7:00 PM CT

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 in 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.

A SUMMER ROAD TRIP WITH YOUR NASB BOARD ...

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WHAT IS YOUR "MUST SEE/MUST DO" FOR SOMEONE VISITING NEBRASKA FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SUMMER?



"Omaha Zoo!"
Sandy Noffsinger, Dundy County Stratton



"Some hidden gems by Central City (the center of it all) are Dark Island Trail from Central City to Marquette, and jeeping in the Platte River."
Lisa Wagner, Central City



"Our rocks. Chimney Rock, Scottsbluff Monument, Agate Fossil Beds and Toadstool park. All panhandle gems." - Susan Ernest, Leyton



"Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park Museum and the Lincoln County Historical Museum in North Platte." - Steve Koch, Hershey



"Kayak, tube or canoe the Niobrara River to Smith Falls State Park then hike up to the falls and stand under it." Brad Wilkins, Ainsworth



"Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium"
Michelle Reikofski, Osmond



"Tree Rush at Fontelle Forrest! It's a super cool ropes course." Sarah Centineo, Bellevue



"Attend the Nebraska Volleyball Day and concert, catch a night game at the CWS, watch a sunrise in the Sandhills, canoe the Niobrara River, spend a weekend with the family at Ft. Robinson State Park. I could go on, and on!" - Ed Swotek, Malcolm



"How am I supposed to choose just ONE?"
Stephanie Summers, David City



"They must eat at Dinker's, Stella's, and Louie M's Burgerlust! The best burgers in Nebraska!"
Shavonna Holman, Omaha



"Visit the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium!"
Renee Vokt, Elkhorn



"A float trip down a sandhills river."
Neal Kanel, HTRS



"Runza of course! So many things in western Nebraska! Get to the top of Scotts Bluff National Monument by car or walking. Fort Robinson State Park. Carhenge in Alliance." - Kim Burry, Bayard



"Old Market and the new Gene Leahy Mall."
Stacy Jolley, Millard



NASB CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS DUE JULY 1

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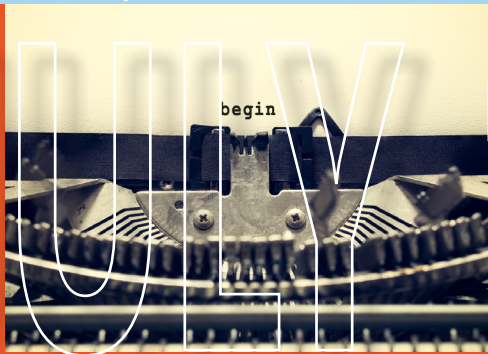
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With the 2023 Legislative Session complete, now is the time for you and your board to think of items you might like addressed in 2024.

Submit your legislative proposals now at:

<https://registrations.nasbonline.org//ProposedResolution.aspx>

ALICAP SUMMER SAFETY WORKSHOPS COMING UP IN JULY!

You're
invited
to a
FREE

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HOSTED BY
ALICAP

School Administrators and central office staff are invited to attend the 2023 ALICAP Summer Safety Workshops!

ALICAP is once again hosting a FREE* Summer Safety Workshop! This workshop offers a great opportunity for school administrators and central office staff to get the latest information from:

Megan Boldt, Director of ALICAP

Sheri Shonka, Coverage Expert at Public Risk Management

Jay Martin, the new Safety Director at NDE.

JOIN US AT ONE OF THREE LOCATIONS

July 10 - Gering

July 11 - Kearney

July 12 - Lincoln

Registration desk opens at 9:30 AM and the workshop will adjourn by 2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. You won't want to miss this workshop!

*Each ALICAP member district receives 3 complimentary registrations.

Non-member and additional registrations can be purchased for \$40.

Register by Wednesday, July 5.

Doug Krenzer

June 11, 1971 - May 15, 2023



NASB is saddened to share the passing of Westside Community Schools Board Member, Doug Krenzer. It was great getting to know Doug as he served his district for the past six years. Our hearts go out to his family, friends and the entire Westside community.

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Prior to her election to the State Board of Education in November 2020, Patti Gubbels served on the Norfolk Board of Education, and was a member of the NASB Board of Directors, and the NASB Legislation Committee since 2016.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
Dr. Seuss

The State Board of Education has long realized the importance of learning to read. In 2002 the Board adopted a standing position related to Early Literacy that was revised in 2019.

More recently some state legislatures have passed early literacy or reading improvement bills. Mississippi, in 2013 passed the Literacy-based Promotion Act, a state led comprehensive approach to improve literacy outcomes that led to the state having the highest NAEP 4th grade reading scores in the nation in 2019.



The Nebraska Legislature, in 2018 passed the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act acknowledging how important learning to read is for academic and lifelong success. The overriding goal of the law, which was implemented in the 2019-2020 school year, was to make sure each student be able to read at or above grade level by third grade. The law required diagnostic assessments, development of individual reading plans for students deficient in reading, communication with parents, and evidence-based interventions.

To that end, the Nebraska Department of Education developed "Nebraska Reads" an NDE comprehensive early literacy website that not only supports the requirements of the Reading Improvement Act but also includes a wealth of reading/literacy resources such as read at home plans, a dyslexia guide, and professional development resources that build high-quality early literacy instruction skills based on the science of reading.

The science of reading is a body of multi-disciplinary research (research from cognitive and developmental psychology, education, and linguistics/communication) that focuses on understanding the cognitive processes that are necessary for effective reading and examines how reading develops. The science of reading has led to the development of evidenced-based instructional practices that work for literacy instruction. The five "big ideas" of science of reading based instruction are: Phonological/Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. Phonemic awareness is the ability to work with spoken sounds in words, phonics is the ability to make sound-letter associations and to decode words, fluency is the ability to read accurately, quickly and with expression. Vocabulary is understanding the meaning of words, and comprehension is understanding what you have read.

Nebraska has made strides in training teachers on evidence-based reading practices, but the Nebraska Department of Education does not have the resources necessary to implement a comprehensive state-wide approach to improving literacy like those found in other states such as Mississippi and Tennessee.

To advance early literacy the NDE included in the 2023-2025 biennial budget request 20 million dollars over the next two years. Year one requests were to provide specialized training in reading instruction (LETRS training), to collaborate with Educator Preparation programs to implement science of reading instruction in college coursework and clinical experiences, and to provide high-quality early literacy instructional materials. Year 2 funding would have supported a state-wide network of reading coaches and funding for home-school partnerships focused on literacy development. Family engagement is a critical piece in the field of early literacy. Parents and caregivers afford children a literacy development advantage by reading to them and naming and defining concepts that children experience. The more words children know the definitions of before they formally begin learning to read, the less likely they are to experience cognitive overload as they read. Additionally, if children don't understand the meaning of the words they read, they cannot comprehend what they are reading. Dr. Seuss might have said "the more you know the more you can read."

One of the Nebraska State Board of Education legislative priorities is to Increase Language Arts Proficiency to 75% by 2030. Transforming early literacy instruction through the implementation of a state-wide comprehensive program is the approach to help reach that goal.

A step that the State Board has taken, with proposed Rule 20 Approval of Educator Preparation Programs is to set the expectation that educator candidates will possess literacy instruction skills based on "the science of reading".

The State Board of Education will continue advocating and working with senators to support requested funds, so the goal of the Reading Improvement Act that all Nebraska children are reading at or above grade-level by third grade can be attained.

Disclaimer: The opinions from Dr. Patti S. Gubbels are hers and do not represent the Nebraska State Board of Education.

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One of the most impactful and cost-effective tools school board members have to raise K-12 achievement is quality early childhood education. Yet too many families in Nebraska do not have access to quality, affordable child care and early learning. NASB has joined **We Care for Kids** to change that.

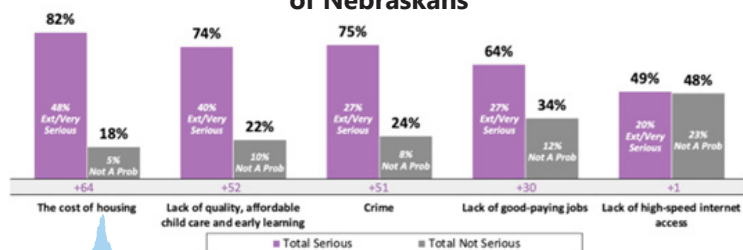
We Care for Kids is a community-based, statewide effort to build support for quality early childhood education in Nebraska. With more than 65 community partners, the campaign connects families to resources, elevates the early childhood workforce by sharing their stories, and provides communication tools for networks and organizations to raise awareness, engage communities, and activate conversations.

As champions for education, you know first-hand the need for quality early childhood education and understand its impact on Nebraska's children, families, communities, school systems, and economy. Nebraska voters understand it too. A recent statewide public opinion survey of registered voters in Nebraska commissioned by Nebraska Extension and We Care for Kids found that nearly nine-in-ten support the state investing in ensuring more working families have access to quality, affordable child care and early learning. This support is across party lines.

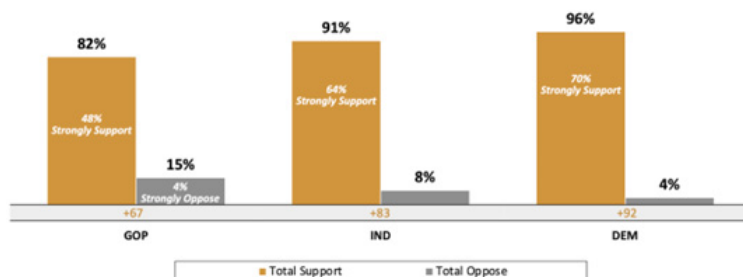
The survey revealed that Nebraska is facing a child care and education crisis that is hurting families, employers, and Nebraska's reputation as a great place to live, work, and raise a family. The lack of quality, affordable child care and early learning is deemed to be a serious problem by nearly three-quarters of Nebraskans and is on par with housing and crime.

According to the Voices for Children Kids Count Report in Nebraska, 72% of Nebraska's children under age six live in homes where all adults work, yet 91% of counties in Nebraska with licensed child care programs do not have enough places to meet the demand—and 11 counties have no licensed child care.

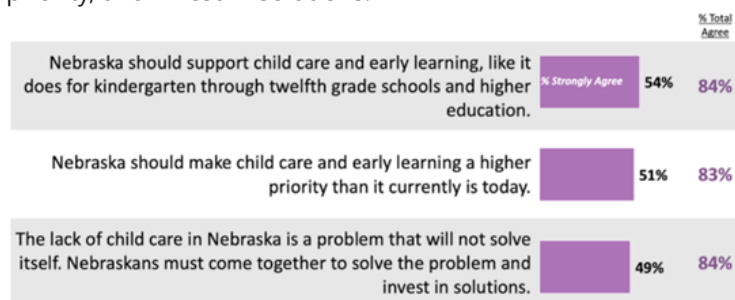
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Voters across party lines support Nebraska investing in access to child care/early learning for working families



Over 80% say Nebraska should support child care and early learning like the state does for K-12 education, make it a higher priority, and invest in solutions.



Nebraskans believe that more kids attending quality child care and early learning would help children, parents, and the economy a lot. Ninety-two percent believe it's an important part of keeping Nebraska a great place to live and raise a family.

The lack of quality, affordable child care and early learning impacts our communities and we have an opportunity to be part of the solution. Bring your voice to this issue. Become a campaign partner by reaching out to campaign manager, Kara Ficke, at kara@nebraskacaresforkids.org.

Visit <https://nebraskacaresforkids.org/> to learn more about We Care for Kids, sign up for monthly updates, view the graphs in more detail, access the full survey results, and download communication tools. All materials are available in Spanish as well.



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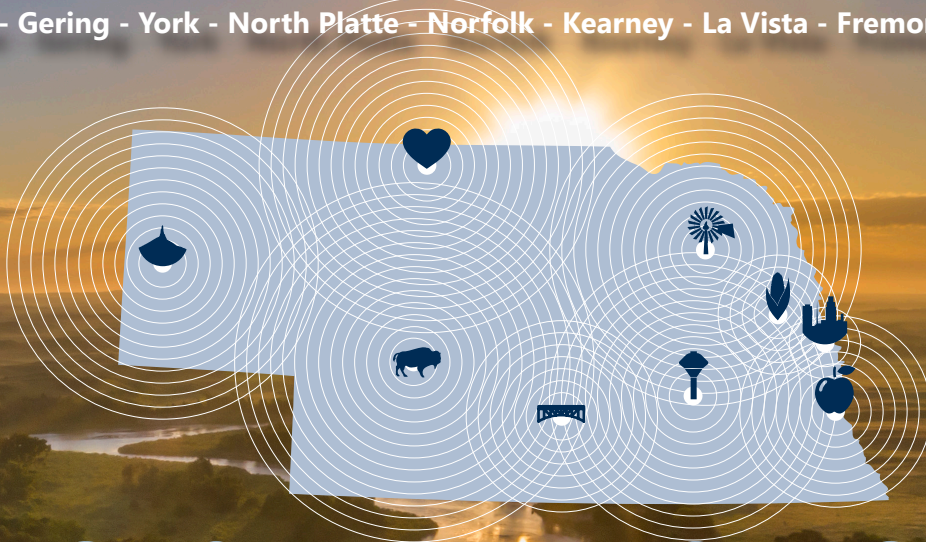
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2023 AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

NPLF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – DONATE TODAY!

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The Nebraska Public Leadership Foundation (NPLF) is creating a scholarship program for high school seniors who are pursuing higher education to become a teacher in a Nebraska public school system.

In thousands of classrooms across Nebraska, teachers lead our students to discover new and important facts and ideas, the steppingstones that shape their future. NPLF supports the students who want to give to the overall mission of success for every student in Nebraska.

Please consider helping today's student leaders become tomorrow's education leaders by donating to the NPLF Student Scholarship Program at www.nepublicleadership.org.



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... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

This year's Session is done, the work is not!
850+ bills & measures introduced
NASB followed roughly 110
Supported 31, Opposed 31

32 bills we followed were approved by the Governor directly, or amended into another bill.

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.

SCHOOL FUNDING has gone through a change as well. Foundation Aid will now be part of the formula in addition to an increase to 80% SpEd reimbursement. On the flip side, there are new caps on property tax requests.

A number of Interim Hearings for later this year have been introduced on topics like Truancy, School Choice, Parental Involvement, SEL, Mandates, Security, Equalization, Consolidation of ESUs, Early Childhood, and more.

20+/- SBMs have testified in front of a legislative committee for themselves, their district or on behalf of NASB!

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

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

NASB's Call for Legislative Proposals is due July 1 ... start thinking of items you and your board might like to submit.

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

... ALICAP & INSURANCE

Attention ALICAP Members!!!
Get registered for ALICAP's Summer Workshop! It's free to all ALICAP members. We need one person from each district to attend.

July 10th in Gering
July 11th in Kearney
July 12th in Lincoln

ALICAP's team is excited to see you in July!

Thanks, Megan!

... ENERGY PURCHASING

Much more natural gas is being used for power generation than just a few years ago. The extreme heat has pushed prices up this month while lowering the total gas in storage. Should we have a very hot summer this could have a major impact on prices going into winter, but that is still a long time forward. NJUMP and CJUMP are protected by having significant amounts of natural gas already hedged for the 2023-24 heating season.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

New Superintendents -
Congratulations on your role at your new district! If you have any questions about Sparq Meetings or Sparq Negotiations or would like training, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and we'd be happy to assist you.

Darion - dmiller@NASBOnline.org
Nicole - nkobus@NASBOnline.org
www.sparqdata.com

... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER
Schedule a Gallup retreat for the district leadership team, staff or board. **Harmony** is the featured theme this month. Are you practical, concrete, collaborative, agreeable, and conflict-reducing? Do you look for consensus and seek areas of agreement? Do you dislike conflict? Harmony may be in your Top 5.

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT
It's time to look check over your points for accuracy. The points year ends July 31.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE
It is not too early to request a proposal if you have a superintendent retiring in June of 2024. Contact us for questions on protocol, procedures, or a proposal.

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

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... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

It was wonderful to see so many members and business partners in Kearney last week! Wednesday was a beautiful day on the golf course. That evening we enjoyed live music and networking. Thursday was filled with great presentations from school attorneys, NDE staff, and NASB staff. Thanks for sharing your summertime with us!

Sharon visited O'Neill and Wheeler Central in the last month.

Contact Sharon with any questions.

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on page 3.

Marcia, Kari, Katie, Caden & Stacie

... POLICY

Section 126 (yes, 126) of the recently passed and lengthy LB705 requires districts to annually provide access to any "Federally Recognized Youth Organizations." Although this is a lengthy list of organizations, many do not have a presence in most Nebraska communities. Districts are allowed to set reasonable constraints on how this will operate in their schools and it should generally not create problems at this time. NASB can provide a list of the organizations currently approved by Federal law.

Contact Jim to learn more!



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... DATA ANALYTICS

This will be a year of great changes in state assistance to local districts. The passage of LB583 will alter state aid, levies, and the relative financial situations of many districts with their neighbors. NASB can collect data and illustrate the financial situation in your district to help you better inform your Legislators of your district's financial challenges for next winter's Unicameral session.

Contact Jim to learn more!

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