




GRETNA RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S BOARD AWARD THIRTEEN OTHERS RECEIVE THE BOARD OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

As NASB wraps up our annual Area Membership Meetings, we would like to take a moment to highlight this year's boards who were honored for their collective volunteer time and commitment to education.



Gretna Public Schools

Board of Education
David Gulizia, President
Rick Hollendieck
Mark Hauptman
Kyle Janssen
Dawn Stock
Ann Wright

Rich Beran - Superintendent

Enrollment = 5,250
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This year, Gretna Public Schools was the only board to achieve NASB's highest full-board honor, earning the President's Board Award. This is Gretna's 24th President's Board Award since 1993, and their 16th consecutive win!

Some of the criteria for this award includes:

- Having a voting delegate participate in the annual NASB Delegate Assembly.
- Members of the board must each attend a minimum of three learning opportunities during the year including State Ed Conference, Labor Relations, Area Membership Meetings, Budget & Finance Workshop, Legislative Issues Conference, School Law Seminar, and the NSBA Annual Conference/AESA National Conference.
- Each board member must participate in at least one local leadership team planning retreat per year.

The full criteria can be found at:

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/president-s-board-award>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

'Taking It To The Streets'

November 20-22

CHI Health Center Downtown Omaha

SPARQ DATA SOLUTION OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 19

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS & EXHIBITOR RECEPTION

Wednesday, November 20

KEYNOTES & BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thursday, November 21

Friday, November 22

NASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

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In addition to Gretna receiving the President's Board Award, 13 boards received the Board of Excellence Award. Some of the criteria for this award includes:

- Having a voting delegate participate in the annual NASB Delegate Assembly.
- Members must each attend a minimum of two learning opportunities during the year
- Board member's must participate in at least one local leadership team planning retreat per year.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S BOARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS!

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE: TRAVELING TAKEAWAYS

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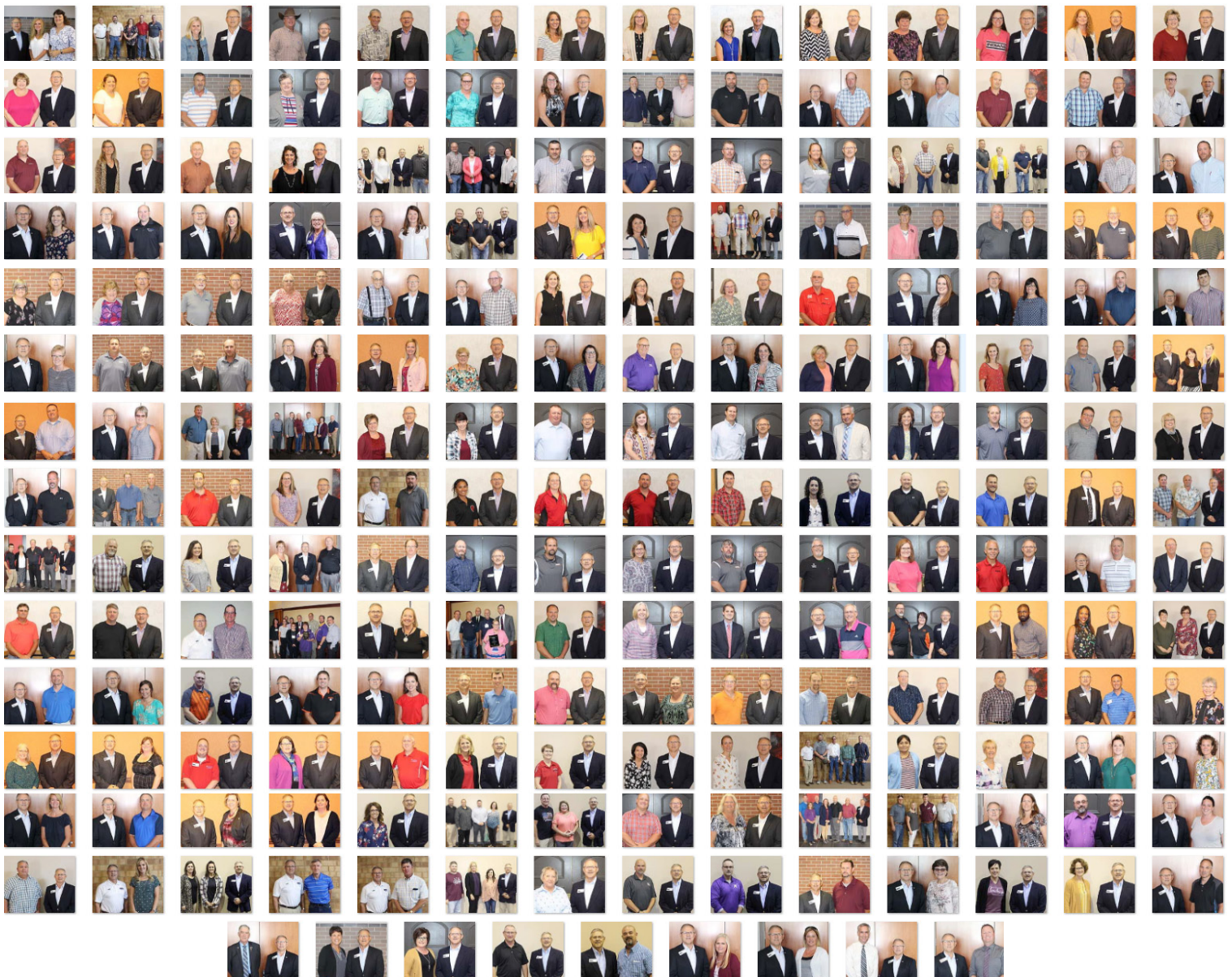
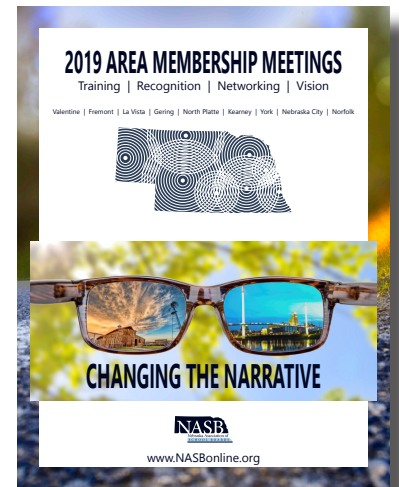
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What started in Valentine has finished in Norfolk. Nine locations, engaging Nebraska's locally elected officials representing public education in the process of laying out a vision for the state's future and changing the current narrative that says the schools are at fault for our property tax burdens. It is always great to travel the state, say hello to familiar faces, and build new relationships with those on the front lines of public education. To those award winners below brave enough to jump in front of the camera, and all of the others we might not have snapped a photo of, THANK YOU!

"I'd like to thank my fellow school board members for taking the time to join us for the Area Membership Meetings across the state. I was fortunate enough to be a part of all 9 of these meetings, and getting to see so many new faces, was an experience that I'll never forget. I'm so proud to be a part of a group that truly believes in promoting quality education for all of the children of Nebraska. Continue to LIVE the mission, and have fun doing it!"

- Steve Blocher, NASB President



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During the 2019 Area Membership Meetings, it was important to the NASB staff that we communicated to the membership that school boards and ESU boards are producing great results for their constituents.

Also, we wanted to deflect some of the criticism we hear from state policy leaders that say school spending is the cause to our over reliance on property taxes.

If you look at budget growth since 2010-11 you will see the state budget grew at an average of 2.97%, while the total cost per student in Nebraska grew at 2.51%. Schools have collectively “tightened their belts” more than the state of Nebraska.



More importantly, if you compare how money is spent between the state and schools, you will find we are doing well.

The state ranked 49th worst in the nation in the percentage of state funding going to K-12 education. Also, as discussed at Area Meetings, you see that as a percentage of the state budget the items growing at the state level are programs like Medicaid, corrections, and child welfare. Meanwhile, investments like K-12 education and higher education are shrinking as a percentage of the total state budget.

If the state of Nebraska spent the same percentage of its budget on “aid to individuals” as it did 20 years ago, it would free up \$396 million for property tax relief or other investments.

However, if you look at how school boards prioritize investments, you see last year Nebraska schools ranked 2nd highest in the nation in the percentage of school funding being invested in the classroom according to the census bureau. Schools have prioritized where money is spent and as a result we have seen Nebraska schools do well on most education comparisons:

- Wallethub ranks Nebraska the 8th best state for education
- CNBC ranks Nebraska the 6th best state for education
- U.S. News and World Report ranks Nebraska the 6th best for education

So, as you can see, Nebraska schools are finding ways to balance the needs of our property tax payers and the educational needs of our students.

Nebraska is in good hands with its 1,700 locally elected school board members leading the charge. From creating the vision for Nebraska’s future in 2016, to continuing the vision in 2017, engaging the vision in 2018, and now helping to change the narrative, we thank you for all you are doing to better serve your district, community, and all of Nebraska.



FROM SCHOOL BOARD TO THE STATE CAPITOL

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Did you know ... 10 of the current 49 Senators first sat in your chair as a school board member? This is the fifth installment where we sit down with a former sbm now serving as a state senator to learn about the transition, how their experience on the school board has helped them inside the Capitol, and get their thoughts on some of the key items regarding public education in Nebraska.

Next up is Senator Tony Vargas.

Senator Vargas was elected to the Nebraska State Legislature in 2016 to represent District 7 in Omaha. Prior to being elected to the Legislature, Senator Vargas served on the Omaha Public School Board. This past Valentine's Day, he and his wife welcomed their first child, Ava Kaye, into the world. Now, on to the questions ...

Starting off, which is more fun school board or state legislature?

Both are fun in different ways! Being on the school board was my first opportunity to serve my community as an elected representative. I learned a lot from that experience and the desire to improve public education on a greater scale is what drove me to run for the legislature. Now I get to work with so many hard working public servants from across the state and learn about their communities and the diverse and unique issues that are important to them.

How did your experience as a school board member help you this past year?

I learned how to be a public servant as a school board member. Hearing from teachers, school staff, students, and parents about the local and very personal issues that are important to them and figuring out how to help gave me a taste of what it means to truly serve your community. Those connections with my neighbors have stayed with me and continue to inform my relationships with constituencies that are concerned about other issues.

What have you learned as a Senator that you wish you would have known when you served as a school board member?

The biggest change for me was going from working on one broad issue area (education) in one geographic area (Omaha) to working on every issue for every area in our state. I've learned a lot about communities outside of Omaha and it's given me much more understanding and empathy for their perspectives.

What do current school board members need to know about interacting with senators?

We don't know everything! And we need to hear from you. We rely on all of you for information about how policies will help or hurt your schools and students.

How has your perspective of school finance changed as a result of your new role?

As a school board member in Omaha I had (and still have) very

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strong opinions and concerns about fairness and funding for our public schools. What's different for me now is that I better understand the feelings of taxpayers in Greater Nebraska. Though we may still disagree about how schools should be funded, at the end of the day I think many of us would agree that the quality of a child's education should not depend on their zip code.

When you were a school board member, what priority issue(s) did you want the Legislature to address?

The issue that drove me to serve on the school board in the first place and then later to run for a seat in the legislature was equal access and opportunity for a high quality education in our public schools for kids in my community. As the son of immigrants, a first generation college graduate, a former public school teacher, and a former school board member, I care deeply about ensuring that all students are receiving an excellent education, no matter the circumstances. These personal experiences influenced my goal of creating more equity in the public education space. In addition, my legislative district (District 7) has a wide array of socioeconomic statuses and educational backgrounds and my chief concern as both a school board member and a legislator

has always been to fight for the areas of my community that are underrepresented and therefore often underserved.

What are your priorities as it relates to education?

Simply put, I believe all kids deserve equal access and opportunity to a high quality public education, regardless of where they live and where their families come from.

How can a current school board member support you in advancing areas of mutual importance?

Reach out to my office to schedule a meeting about the issues you want to work on. It could mean talking about how to move another senator's bill forward, working together on drafting new legislation, or strategizing about how to rally our communities around an issue. Whatever it is, know that I am open to your thoughts and am here to listen and help however I can.

Final Thoughts?

Your role as a school board member is so important -- for kids, parents, teachers, school staff, and your whole community! Thank you for stepping up to serve and lead.

REMINDER: YOUR 2020 ADVOCACY HANDOUT IS NOW POSTED

The NASB Advocacy Handout of proposed changes to the bylaws, standing positions and legislative resolutions for your review prior to the 2019 Delegate Assembly is now posted at the NASB website.

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/advocacy-handbook>

This year's Delegate Assembly will take place Friday, November 22, at 8:00 AM, in conjunction with the State Education Conference, now at the CHI Health Center - downtown Omaha.

To better prepare you and your board's voting representative for the Delegate Assembly, please download, review, and bring the Advocacy Handout with you to Omaha.

All items within the Advocacy Handout will be considered by this Assembly. If you haven't already, each board should select one board member to represent the district or ESU as the voting delegate, although multiple members from each board may attend. As a school board member, this is YOUR chance to be heard and help craft the 2020 legislative and leadership initiatives for NASB.

Why is it important for your district to be represented at the 2019 Delegate Assembly?

- The Delegate Assembly determines NASB's 2020 legislative and leadership agenda.
- The Delegate Assembly is a key cog in securing laws, regulations, and a vision in Nebraska to benefit public education.
- The Delegate Assembly is where your voice can be heard.
- The Delegate Assembly is your governance meeting for the entire year.
- The Delegate Assembly allows for equal representation. ONE DISTRICT. ONE VOTE.

2019 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | 8:00 AM | OMAHA

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Partners in Education: Boyd Jones, DC West Celebrate New Elementary Building

A new elementary school in Douglas County opened its doors to students in August and marked the latest chapter in the years-long partnership between Boyd Jones and DC West Community Schools.

Built in partnership with Tetrad Property Group and DLR Group, the new 84,000 SF school represents much more than a modernized, more secure, and more spacious facility.

"This elementary project is the embodiment of years of tireless commitment to the best interests of DC West students, teachers, administrators, and community members," said George Schuler, Senior VP of Integrated Services at Boyd Jones. "We pledged to be with the district as a long-term, trusted partner, and we've delivered on that pledge time and again through multiple projects of many sizes."

The school includes a gymnasium, state-of-the-art media center, and about 30 classrooms designed to accommodate continued growth in the thriving district. With enrollment growth of more than 21% between 2015-2019, the new elementary increases the district's capacity for kindergarten-fifth grades to more than 650 students.

"I feel like we're not 'just another job.' We're definitely a partner and an important customer that Boyd Jones wants to get to know. They want to be able to serve us and they want to do right for our community. They understand our community values and what's important to us."

Dr. Melissa Poloncic
Superintendent
DC West Community Schools

Previous work Boyd Jones completed for DC West includes renovation of the district's science labs in Valley; projects to solve issues around accessibility, life safety, and indoor air quality; restroom renovations and additions; a new preschool playground; and the installation of new fire sprinkler systems, water service, and a new boiler at the middle school.

The district's master plan also included a state-of-the-art fitness facility at the high school, the shell of which Boyd Jones built early to create temporary classrooms for middle school students who needed to be relocated from the Waterloo campus. This move saved the district from spending money on portable classrooms, instead investing in a structure that will remain useful after the middle school has a permanent facility.



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TO DOWNLOAD A MAP OF THE MEETING ROOMS & EXHIBITS, VISIT:

[HTTP://NASB.ENVISEAMS.COM/DOCS/DEFAULT-SOURCE/EVENT-MAILERS/SEC-MAP.PDF?STATUS=TEMP&SFVRSN=DB6FACF5_2](http://nasb.enviseams.com/docs/default-source/event-mailers/sec-map.pdf?status=temp&sfvrsn=db6facf5_2)

PRE-CONFERENCES | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

EXHIBITOR RECEPTION | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

KEYNOTES & BREAKOUTS BEGIN THURSDAY

SHOWCASE YOUR STUDENTS

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO DEMONSTRATE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT REFLECT THE INTEGRATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN CURRICULUM. THE CLASSROOM SHOWCASE IS SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 – 11:30 A.M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22. CONTACT JULIE MOORE AT EXECUTIVEDIRECTOR@NETASITE.ORG WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP.

SCHOOL LUNCH: WHAT'S ON YOUR PLAYLIST?



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To recognize the National School Lunch Program, serving 30 million children each day, schools will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 14-18, 2019. The theme, "School Lunch: What's on Your Playlist," spotlights how today's school cafeterias are serving up healthy menu items that kids want to eat, with increased choice and customization.



The federally-funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has been fueling students for success for more than 70 years. Additional funding opportunities such as Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) also have helped fuel students for success by providing free meals to students. Interested in learning more about CEP and how your school could benefit, visit

<https://frac.org/research/resource-library/frac-facts-community-eligibility-provision>

The "School Lunch Playlist" campaign is made possible by the nonprofit School Nutrition Association. District staff, parents/guardians, and students can follow the fun using the hashtags #NSLW19, #SchoolLunchPlaylist and #SchoolLunch. For more information on National School Lunch Week, visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/nslw/>. NASB is excited to learn what's on your district's playlist for school lunch!

For more information regarding National School Lunch Week, CEP, or school meals, contact Melissa Lusk at mlusk@NASBonline.org

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... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

October visits have included
Lewiston, Norris, Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca
and Walthill.

Mark your calendars for 2020 events!

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- Sharon -

... ALICAP & INSURANCE

Reminder to all ALICAP members:

If you haven't already paid your
2019-20 premium, please do so
ASAP.

Also, this month's safety topic is
Back Safety and Lifting. Consider
assigning a SafeSchools training
course to your school staff.

Back Injuries are one of the
top-five Workers' Compensation
Claims within ALICAP.

Thanks, Megan!

... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Now accepting applications for:
Auburn, Chadron, Crawford, Elba,
Elm Creek, Nebraska City, Rock County
& Valentine

Contact Shari at sbecker@nasbonline.org
with questions on any of the openings or for
a proposal to facilitate a search for your next
Superintendent/ESU Administrator, or visit
www.nasbsuptsearch.org to view current
openings and apply.

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You may have *Positivity* in your top
strengths if you tend to be more enthusiastic
and energetic than most people. When
others become discouraged or are reluctant
to take risks, your attitude will provide the
push to keep them moving.

If you have *Intellecion*, set aside a few
minutes every day to collect your thoughts.
Your thinking will be sharper and more
effective.

- Shari -



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... ENERGY PURCHASING

NJUMP and CJUMP will be holding their
annual combined Trustees and Membership
meetings at the CHI Convention Center
on the morning of Wednesday, November
20 at the start of the State Education
Conference. If your district is a member of
either Interlocal, you are welcome to sit in
attendance at the meeting to gain insights
on the operation of these gas-purchasing
consortiums and to hear some interesting
facts about the energy industry.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... POLICY

Due to Federal mandates, we created a policy this year dealing with the disposal of property purchased through Federal grants. This property must be inventoried every 2 years and should be identified by the Federal Award Identification Number of the funding grant. This will help with locating the terms of disposal as set forth in the individual grant after it ends and determining whether the Federal agency will need to be notified of the property disposition or reimbursed in the event that the district uses it for other purposes. Different agencies may have quite different processes for disposal if the property has significant value.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

Please join us ...
Sparq Data Solutions Open House
Tuesday, November 19
7:00 to 11:00 PM
The Old Mattress Factory

Prior to the start of the State Education Conference activities and meetings we will be at The Old Mattress Factory (501 N. 13th Street - Omaha), with gift card giveaways, appetizers and drinks! See you there!

... WHOLE CHILD

Whole Child Project Board of Directors
Mark Your Calendars!
Our next meeting will be at State Conference on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in Room 206

Contact Kori for all things WCP

... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The 2019 *Advocacy Handout* with NASB's legislative and leadership initiatives for approval at the upcoming Delegate Assembly is now posted on the Government Relations tab of the NASB website. Download your copy and make sure your board's delegate is selected now!

The Delegate Assembly will take place Friday, November 22, at 8:00 AM, in rooms 203-204 of the CHI Health Center - Omaha.

- Call Colby with any questions! -
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... BOARD LEADERSHIP - 1

NASB's Annual Board Calendar monthly reminders:
NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING
Planning: Monitor progress of district goals, link goals to discussion and action items; Strategic Plan Progress Report
Personnel: Distribute superintendent evaluation
Other: District Audit Report
Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla

... BOARD LEADERSHIP - 2

2019 Superintendent Evaluation
As we reach the final quarter 2019, boards should be contemplating the upcoming superintendent evaluation.

NASB provides an online superintendent evaluation service from administration of the online tool to compiling a summary on behalf of the board. Not sure where to begin or want to discuss your options, please contact Marcia at mherring@NASBonline.org.

Also consider attending the '360 Superintendent Evaluation' session and 'Staying in Your Lane' session at State Conference next month.

Mentoring
"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

An effective mentoring program will help new board members to clearly see the scope of their job. If you are a newly elected/appointed sbm you are invited to participate in the Board Member Mentor Program, Thursday, November 21 in Room 210 from 7:15-7:45 AM at State Conference.

To register to be provided a mentor, or to volunteer as a mentor, please contact Karla at kkruse@NASBonline.org by November 1.

Upcoming calendar of events:
October – Negotiations; Fall enrollment figures; Review AQuESTT Statewide Assessment Results; Superintendents file Financial Report with the Commissioner of Education

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To learn more, and register, visit the Events tab of www.NASBonline.org

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Please contact mbelka@NASBonline.org with any questions, or if you are not receiving them.

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