

BOARD MEMO – INFORMATION ITEM

To: Board of Education
From: Cody Martzluf, Superintendent
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026
RE: IASB School Board Training



**PUTNAM COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #535**

*Providing Foundations Together,
Cultivating Individual Growth*

Background:

- The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is offering a complimentary in-district Board Self-Evaluation Workshop to support school boards during a superintendent transition.
- This professional development opportunity is designed to help the board and superintendent establish a strong working relationship, build an effective governance team, and become familiar with the resources and services IASB provides to support boards of education.
- The workshop will take place on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 5pm to 8pm. This training will take place in closed session.
- Attached is an agenda from the IASB for the training.

Putnam County CUSD #535
Board Self-Evaluation
Wednesday, September 23, 2026
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Agenda

Closed Session

The Open Meetings Act requires transparency. The board is reminded to share any consensus around board improvement and/or next steps at a subsequent open session.

Objectives:

- Evaluate the governance team's processes
- Identify areas for board development

Session agenda items:

Evaluate governance team processes

- Discuss Principles of Effective Board Governance
- Engage in a Board Evaluation exercise
- Review Board Operating Principles

Closing

- Reflect on key takeaways
- Identify next steps