

Legislative Priorities for 2023

Background:

The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) is asking school boards to identify up to four priority issues for possible inclusion among its 2023 legislative priorities. IASB asks boards to please reserve time during May, June, or July board meetings to discuss and complete the *Call for Legislative Priorities* survey.

IASB asks that our board secretary to complete and submit our priorities by Monday, August 8.

At our last board meeting, we discussed our priorities which were the following:

- ★ Funding and support for mental health services in Iowa schools and across the state.

(IASB Resolution 7) Supports efforts to establish comprehensive community mental health systems to offer preventative and treatment services and comprehensive school mental health programs that include in-school access for students to mental health professionals and provisions for reimbursement by Medicaid and private insurers.

- ★ Fund all schools on the same per-pupil amount.

Area Per-pupil Amounts for FY 2022 :		Area Per-pupil Amounts for FY 2020 :	
▪	\$7,367 CAL – Latimer	▪	\$7,040 CAL – Latimer
▪	\$7,315 Eagle Grove	▪	\$6,988 Eagle Grove
▪	\$7,253 West Fork	▪	\$6,926 West Fork
▪	\$7,232 Clarion-G-D	▪	\$6,905 Clarion-G-D
▪	\$7,227 Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	▪	\$6,897 Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
▪	\$7,227 West Hancock	▪	\$6,888 West Hancock
▪	\$7,227 Belmond-Klemme	▪	\$6,880 Belmond-Klemme

- ★ Defeat vouchers
- ★ Remove the arbitrary cap on Dropout/At-risk funds. Other school districts get 5% of their per-pupil budgets to spend on dropout prevention. Belmond-Klemme was arbitrarily capped at 4%.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the Board move to affirm their legislative priorities above and ask Board Secretary McKenna Pentico to complete and submit our priorities prior to Monday, August 8, in the IASB *Call for Legislative Priorities* survey for possible inclusion among IASB's 2023 legislative priorities.