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A MONTHLY UPDATE ON
STATE BOARD PROCEEDINGS,
ASSOCIATION NEWS &
K-12 TOPICS

July 16, 2020



Ivey Requests Revisions to ALSDE Reopening Roadmap, Funding Requests

A marathon work session following Tuesday's State Board of Education meeting was devoted exclusively to discussion of the ALSDE's Roadmap for Reopening Schools, which was released late last month. The plan provides suggested guidance but largely leaves key decisions such as mandating facial coverings to each local school system.

Board members received a report on a health-focused reopening plan developed by a bi-partisan group of senators. That plan includes hiring 300 school nurses, technology to provide thermal scanning devices for students and staff, testing for flu and COVID-19 and a nurse's station in each K-12 school. The \$150 million plan would be paid for out of \$1.8 billion the state received in federal CARES Act funding.

Ivey directed the ALSDE to review elements of the Senate plan for potential inclusion in the Reopening Roadmap and revisit the department's funding request for COVID-19-related expenses to be paid from federal CARES Act funds that must be spent by Dec. 31.

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A Look at State-Level School Reopening Plans

School systems across the nation are in the midst of finalizing school reopening plans for the upcoming school year.

As a resource for local school leaders, AASB has compiled a list of plans for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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Virtual Fall District Meetings to Focus on K-12 Cybersecurity

As K-12 schools have grown increasingly more dependent on technology for school operations, teaching and learning, the importance of cyber-security has become a critical issue for local boards of education.

AASB's 2020 Fall District Meetings will feature Executive Director of [Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology \(ALET\)](#) Susan Poling, who will highlight the role of the school board in addressing cybersecurity risks and discuss specific steps school systems should take to protect their data.

NEW This Year!

We've gone virtual for this year's Fall District Meetings. Members may participate individually from the comfort of their homes or gather over dinner at the central office and participate together as a group.

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Just Ask Jayne

Dear Jayne,

Under the Students First Act, we can only transfer tenured teachers up to the 20th day of school for students, unless there's an act of God or disaster. If we have to transfer a teacher

later in the year due to fluctuations caused by COVID-19, is that an act of God or disaster?

[View Answer](#)



Join Us for Free Webinar on AHSAA Guidance for

Make plans to join us **July 28** as several representatives from the Alabama High School Athletic Association discuss their official guidance for a safe return to athletic activities during AASB's free webinar, **COVID-19: Tackling the Return to School Sports**.

Submit a Question for the Webinar

We know there are many questions surrounding how schools can safely offer athletic activities. If you have a specific question you'd like to see covered in the webinar, please [submit it using our online form](#).

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AASB's exemplary training team is prepared to help you improve your skills via [43 interactive courses](#) created to meet your boards' needs and fulfill the state-mandated two-hour whole board training requirement. And it pays to plan ahead! **Save 10%** off AASB's regular whole board training fee when you schedule and complete your AASB-provided training for **July, August or September!**

For more information, contact AASB Executive Assistant for Leadership Development, Stephanie Bell, at sbell@alabamaschoolboards.org or call 800-562-0601.

Check Out AASB's 2020-2021 Training Opportunities

AASB's diverse lineup of learning opportunities throughout the year helps support school

board teams in governance and leadership. From virtual district meetings to timely webinars to information-packed workshops and conferences, you'll find a wealth of both individual and group training events to help build your knowledge and sharpen your boardmanship skills.

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There's Still Time to Subscribe to Policy Pipeline and Tune In to Maintenance Webinar

It's not too late for your board to subscribe to AASB's *Policy Pipeline*, which will be published on July 23. This annual [subscription-based service](#) helps local boards of education keep their policy manuals up to date with a minimal investment of time and money. The *Policy Pipeline* provides expert insight and relevant draft policies on legal and administrative developments.

Subscribe by July 28, and participate in the annual subscribers-only maintenance webinar on **July 30** at 10 a.m. You can review your *Policy Pipeline* and then ask questions during this convenient webinar.

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We're Accepting Nominations for AASB's All-State School Board Member Award

AASB is seeking nominations for its 2020 All-State School Board Member Award. All school board presidents and superintendents have received [eligibility and selection guidelines](#) for this prestigious recognition program that celebrates exemplary boardmanship. This year's nomination deadline is **Sept. 4, 2020**.

[View Nomination Form](#)



Submit Bylaws & Resolutions Changes by Aug. 30

School board members are asked to submit proposed resolutions or changes to AASB bylaws by August 30. Proposals, which must be submitted in writing, will be considered by AASB's Delegate Assembly during the association's annual convention in December.

Visit our website to review current [Bylaws](#) and [Resolutions](#). Send submissions via:

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**New on AASB Job Board: Superintendent of
Autauga County Schools**

The Autauga County Board of Education is seeking a leader with experience raising student achievement and building relationships to lead this growing school system. The deadline for applications is **Sept. 22, 2020**. [View job brochure](#) or [apply online](#).

This search is being conducted by the Alabama Association of School Boards. Learn more about AASB's [superintendent search service](#).



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