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

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SBOE Discusses Potential Math Legislation, ELA Textbook Selection Process

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey spoke during Thursday's board work session about the ALSDE's strategy for increasing math achievement. He told the board Sen. Arthur Orr currently is working on a "math bill" to be introduced this legislative session, but a final draft is not yet available. Board members stressed the importance of being included in any discussions related to the bill and having the opportunity to provide input on any education-related legislation being crafted.

Other work session discussion the ELA textbook selection process, with board members calling for increasing transparency for parents.

The work session included lengthy discussion about several legislative matters and upcoming bills such as a first grade readiness bill and an Alabama Course of Study Law that would pay committee members more than per diem to cover costs for travel to Montgomery which is required for multiple meetings.

The brief meeting preceding the work session included passage of resolutions related to Career and Technical Education, including adoption of the State Course of Study for Architecture and Construction, Information Technology, and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics, as well as approval of textbooks for Business Management and Administration, Finance, Marketing, Manufacturing, and Work-Based Learning.

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Happy School Board Member Recognition Month!

This month and every month, we are thankful for all you do to plant the seeds of success for the next generation. Thank you to all who have shared posts and photos of your Board Member Recognition Month celebrations on social media! There's still time to take advantage of AASB's convenient online toolkit designed to help your schools and communities celebrate this annual observance.

[View Toolkit](#)



2022 School System Snapshots Available Online

AASB's 2022 School System Snapshots are now available online. This informative tool provides an individualized look at each Alabama school system's state and local resources -- funding and spending -- and serves as a great starting point for funding discussions with elected officials and stakeholders. Download your system's Snapshot today!

[View Your Snapshot](#)



Join Us in Huntsville for March Conference!

Registration is now open for AASB's Spring Academy Core Conference, *Leadership for Financial Accountability*, will take place March 11 & 12 at the Westin Huntsville.

Earn up to 6 training hours while going beyond the basics to better understand school accounting and how to align the school system's finances with its mission in ways that help raise student achievement. You'll hear from expert speakers with deep knowledge and real-world experience in school finance.

You'll also have an opportunity to extend your learning and earn additional hours with these excellent pre-conference sessions:

- **Bonus: U.S. Space & Rocket Center Tour | Thursday, March 10**
Arrive early, bring the family, and join AASB for an optional tour of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. (No training credit awarded for this activity)
- **Poverty Simulation | Friday, March 11**
Get a sobering glimpse into the day-to-day realities of students and families living in poverty by participating in this interactive simulation. (Earn 2.5 training hours)
- **Early Bird Workshop: "School Boards Under Attack" | Friday, March 11**
This session will offer crucial guidance for managing difficult meetings, public comment periods and responding to misinformation, as well as key insights about some of the organized groups behind planned efforts to disrupt meetings. (Earn 2 training hours)

[Learn More/Register](#)



Reserve Your Spot for AASB Advocacy Days

Alabama's 2022 legislative session is underway, and you're invited to join us in Montgomery for AASB Advocacy Days. Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills and get the inside scoop on the latest developments inside the Alabama State House. Space is limited.

- **Tuesday, February 8** | Districts 7, 8 & 9 | [REGISTER NOW](#)
- **Tuesday, February 22** | Districts 1, 2 & 3 | [REGISTER NOW](#)
- **Tuesday, March 8** | Districts 4, 5 & 6 | [REGISTER NOW](#)

Note: Although we've designated special dates for each district, board members may sign up to participate on any of the dates.



Save Money, Time with Simbli Board Management Tools

Spending too much time, money and paper on board meeting packets? AASB partner, [Simbli by eBOARDsolutions](#), has the answer you've been looking for, with a special promotional offer underway for new and existing customers!

Now through Jan. 31, new customers **save \$500** off the Simbli meetings module. Existing customers can **save 20%** off any newly added module.

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Board Member Spotlight: Marita Watson

Marita Watson has served on the Jacksonville City Board of Education since 2016. She is passionate about serving her community and helping to make key decisions that impact the lives of children. When she's not at the board table, you can find her organizing and decluttering. She's also been known to ride motorcycles! Read this month's Board Member Spotlight to learn more about Marita.



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Just Ask Jayne

Lost on Treatment of Supplemental Contracts?

Dear Jayne: I'm lost on supplements. I know they can't earn tenure, but do we need to post them? Does the board need to approve them? Do we need to nonrenew them? What if we need to terminate? Help!

[View Answer](#)



\$3k Up for Grabs in AASB Student Video Contest!

Calling all Alabama public school students in grades 4-12! AASB **will begin accepting submissions Feb. 1** for its 11th annual statewide student video contest. More than \$3,000 in prize money and bragging rights are up for grabs! This year's contest deadline is April 15.

Stay tuned in the coming days for complete submission details and contest information!



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