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

July 13, 2023



ACAP Results Show Overall Improvement in ELA, Math & Science

State Board of Education members received an update Tuesday pointing to improvements on ACAP proficiency.

Alabama students demonstrated overall improvement in student proficiency on the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) in English Language Arts (ELA), math and science at every grade level (grades 2-8) for the second consecutive year.

ALSDE Coordinator of Student Assessment Maggie Hicks presented an overview of state assessment scores, comparing them to the 2022 spring assessment. State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey informed board members that the numbers are moving in the right direction.

All grade levels saw gains in math and science, and five of seven grade levels saw gains in English Language Arts (ELA). While Mackey and board members expressed satisfaction with the gains achieved, they also acknowledged the need for further growth and increased support for students with low proficiency levels.

Other board discussion included the Alabama Literacy Act and related third grade retention component. Beginning in the 2023-24 school year, third grade students failing to meet reading level requirements will be retained.

The board also elected new leadership for the upcoming

year, with Tracie West (District 2) elected as vice president and Dr. Tonya Chestnut (District 5) elected as president pro tem.

[Read Full Story](#)

Registration Open for Fall District Meetings on Student Discipline



School boards play a key role in navigating discipline policies that support safe schools and positive learning environments for all students. From handling student hearings to ensuring fair discipline practices to addressing on-campus vs. off-campus conduct, properly addressing student discipline is among a school board's most important responsibilities.

This year's District Meetings, "Navigating Student Discipline," will feature legal guidance and best practices regarding a range of student discipline issues.

Registration cost is \$39 which includes dinner. All meeting times are 6 to 8:30 p.m., and attendees will earn 1.5 hours.

DISTRICT 1 | Monday, Sept. 11 | Saraland Early Education Center (Saraland)

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DISTRICT 2 | Thursday, Sept. 7 | Wallace State Community College (Selma)

[REGISTER](#)

DISTRICT 3 | Thursday, Aug. 31 | Hoppergrass Restaurant (Ozark)

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DISTRICT 4 | Tuesday, Aug. 29 | AASB Office (Montgomery)

[REGISTER](#)

DISTRICT 5 | Thursday, Sept. 14 | Homewood High School (Homewood)

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DISTRICT 6 | Monday, Sept. 18 | Classic on Noble Restaurant (Anniston)

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DISTRICT 7 Thursday, Sept. 21 | Hotel Capstone (Tuscaloosa)

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DISTRICT 8 | Tuesday, Sept. 5 | The Magnolia Room (Decatur)

[REGISTER](#)

DISTRICT 9 | Monday, Sept. 12 | The Jackson Center (Huntsville)

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2023-2024 Training Year Underway: Plan Your Year



AASB's diverse lineup of 2023-2024 learning opportunities is designed to help support your school board teams in governance and leadership.

From district meetings to timely webinars to information-packed workshops and conferences, you'll find a wealth of training events to help build your knowledge and sharpen your boardmanship skills.

[View Training Calendar/Catalog](#)

Whole Board Training: Exciting Promotions for Early Birds!

AASB's exemplary training team is prepared to help you improve your skills via [32 interactive courses](#) created to meet your board's needs and fulfill the state-mandated two-hour whole board training requirement.

And it pays to book early! Browse this year's Whole Board Training brochure for several exciting promotions!

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





[Request Your Training](#)

Nominate a Candidate for All-State School Board at Your Next Meeting!

The deadline is Sept. 1 to nominate a school board member for the 2023 All-State School Board Member Award. Remember, nominations require a majority board vote, so be sure to get this item on your next meeting agenda?

All school board presidents and superintendents have received [eligibility and selection guidelines](#) for this prestigious recognition program that celebrates exemplary boardmanship.



[View Nomination Form](#)

Register Now for Upcoming COSSBA National Events

Network with school board peers from

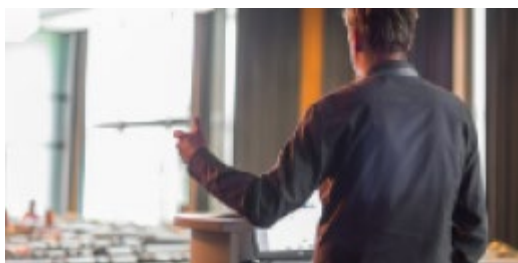


across the nation during the Consortium of State School Boards Associations upcoming events.

- **Urban Boards Alliance (UBA) Symposium**
Aug. 24 & 25, Chicago, IL
- **Federal Advocacy Conference**
Sept. 25 - 27, Washington, D.C.

[Learn More](#)

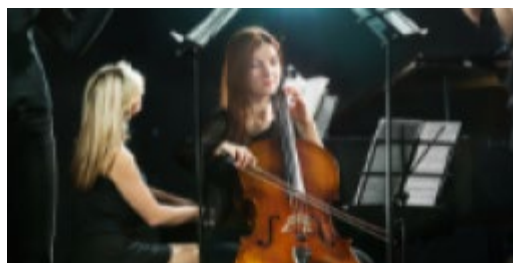
SAVE THE DATE: Don't Miss These Upcoming Deadlines to Shine the Spotlight on Your Schools



Convention Clinic Proposals Due Sept. 8

Do you have a governance best practice or innovative program you'd like to share with your peers? [Submit a proposal to present a breakout clinic session](#) during the annual AASB Convention at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2023.

Topics may cover a variety of areas, including effective board leadership and governance practices, navigating legal issues, technology that engages students, programs proven to boost achievement and more. The deadline to submit a proposal is **Friday, Sept. 8**.



Student Entertainment Applications Due Sept. 8

Showcase your school system's talented students by [submitting a student entertainment application](#) for AASB's Annual Convention at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2023. We're accepting submissions from vocal, instrumental, performing arts and JROTC groups!

Finalists selected from the pool of submitted applications will be featured in a social media contest this fall, and your schools and communities will be able to vote for their favorite group. The deadline to apply is **Friday, Sept. 8**.



July 20 Webinar Examines How Alabama Students Performed on the Nation's Report Card (NAEP)

WHEN: Thursday., July 20, Noon to 1 p.m. | **COST:** \$55 individual, \$210 group | **EARN:** 1 hour

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as The Nation's Report Card, provides important information about student achievement and learning experiences. This comprehensive assessment offers insights for improving education policy and practice.

Mark your calendars to join us Thursday, July 20 from noon to 1 p.m. for AASB's first webinar of the 2023-2024 training year, "Understanding Alabama's Performance on the NAEP."

Ryan Hankins, executive director of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama (PARCA), will break down the numbers on how Alabama students performed on the Nation's Report Card.

[Register Now](#)

Policy Pipeline Subscriptions Open Now

If your school board isn't already receiving [AASB's Policy Pipeline](#), **new subscriptions are open now** for the 2023-2024 edition.

AASB's Policy Pipeline is an annual publication that helps local boards of education keep their policy manuals up to date with a minimal investment of time and money. The subscription-based service provides expert insight as well as relevant draft policies on legal and administrative developments.

The 2023-2024 edition of the Policy Pipeline will be published and **mailed to subscribers July 20**, and the annual subscribers-only maintenance **webinar will be held Thursday, July 27 at 10**

a.m. Participants can read the issue and ask any questions during this convenient webinar.

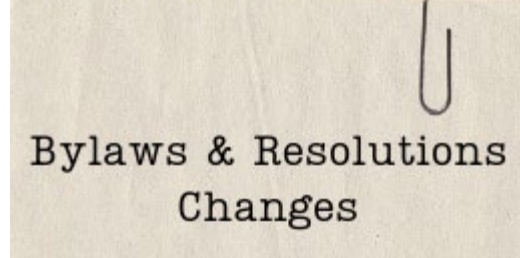
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AASB President-Elect Nominations Due Sept. 1

Nominations are being accepted for AASB president-elect for 2023. Both the president and president-elect serve a one-year term. AASB bylaws call for president-elect candidates to have served on the AASB Board of Directors; however, such service need not be consecutive to the individual's candidacy for or term of elective office.

Self-nomination forms will be sent in July and available online and must be sent to AASB on or before Sept. 1. Questions may be directed to Nominating Committee Chair and AASB Immediate Past Ronnie Owens (256-412-4005) or AASB Executive Assistant Tammy Wright (334-277-9700).



Submit Proposed Bylaws & Resolutions by Sept. 1

School board members are asked to submit proposed resolutions or changes to AASB bylaws by Sept. 1.

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 & Resolutions](#).

Send submissions via:

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BOARD MEMBER Spotlight
Meet Larry Patterson
Lee County Board of Education

Q: What is your favorite part about being a school board member?
A: — “ —
Making a difference in a child's life and people's lives in general...
When you can make a positive impact in your community you are also helping improve other places these individuals might go. — ” —

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Board Member Spotlight: Larry Patterson

Lee County school board member **Larry Patterson** first ran for and won a seat on the board in 1988. But his inspiration for serving on the board actually began as a student in a segregated elementary school when he became curious about the role of the school superintendent.

With more than three decades of board service, Larry has a long list of achievements he is proud of, including the many technological advancements

made that have helped level the playing field for students.

One of Larry's true passions in life is ministry, having served as a pastor for 28 years.

He credits his wife of 50 years for being a key asset to his life's success, always reminding him of his purpose.

[Read More](#)



Just Ask Jayne

Are School Raffles Legal?

Dear Jayne:

A few of our schools hold a raffle every year as part of their festivals, fundraisers and other events. It's a fun way for the school to raise money and involve the community with the chance to win a nice prize. Someone told me it's illegal. Is that true?

[View Answer](#)



AASB Affiliate Groups Offer Meaningful Connections, Networking Opportunities

Learn more about AASB memberships and business affiliations opportunities:

AASB's Professional Sustaining Membership Program helps businesses build relationships with local school board members through exhibits and sponsorships. [Learn more.](#)

Alabama Association of

Administrative Assistants

(AAAA) helps school board assistants achieve excellence and provide professional services to school boards, superintendents and stakeholders. [Learn more.](#)

Another branch of membership that AASB offers is the **Alabama Council of School Board Attorneys (ACSBA)** which is exclusively for attorneys representing school boards in the state of Alabama. This group provides members with specialized information needed to keep up with the developments in education law. [Learn more.](#)



The banner features the Lowndes County Schools logo on the left, which includes a circular seal with a cross and four quadrants. To the right of the logo, the text reads "Lowndes County Schools" in a large, bold, white font, with "SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH" in a smaller, white font below it. The central part of the banner is a collage of two images: on the left, a woman in a green shirt stands in a classroom with children; on the right, a woman in a white uniform stands in front of a bulletin board. A red box in the bottom right corner of the collage says "Apply by Aug. 6". At the bottom of the banner, a dark red bar contains the text "LEARN MORE: <http://bit.ly/lowndesco-supt>" in white.

Superintendent, Lowndes County Schools

The Lowndes County Board of Education is seeking a self-motivated, goal-oriented leader with strong leadership and administrative skills to create a system that performs and achieves results.

The deadline for applications is Aug. 6, 2023. [Learn More/Apply.](#)

This search is being conducted by the Alabama Association of School Boards. Learn more about [AASB's Superintendent and CSFO Search Service.](#)



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