



July 10, 2025



Reading, Math Gains Reported as SBOE Works to Implement New Funding Formula

Alabama students in grades 2-8 showed marked improvements on the state's ACAP assessment, with reading and math proficiency increasing across all grade levels. Notably, fifth graders improved nine percentage points to 68% reading at or above grade level.

The State Board of Education discussed several important initiatives during the board's annual July meeting Tuesday:

- **Implementation of the new RAISE Act funding formula** providing additional resources for students in poverty, English learners, and special education starting in 2025-26
- **Development of a model vaping policy** and curriculum that local boards must adopt by November 1 to comply with the new Vaping Regulation Law
- **Addressing the unexpected freeze of approximately \$68 million** in federal Title funds, which has created immediate problems for school systems' summer programming and payroll expenses

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2025-2026 Training Year Underway: Plan Your Calendar!

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS
2025-2026 CALENDAR

JULY 2025	OCTOBER 2025
<p>July 11: Roles & Responsibilities Orientation (Montgomery)</p> <p>July 12: Effective Boards & Relationships Orientation (Montgomery)</p> <p>July 17: Webinar - Topic TBA</p>	<p>Oct. 5 & 6: Fall Academy Core Conference - Leadership for Academic Achievement (Montgomery)</p> <p>Oct. 6: Fall Post-Conference Workshop: Social Media Survival Guide (Montgomery)</p>
AUGUST 2025	NOVEMBER 2025
<p>Aug. 18: All-State School Board Award Nominations Due</p> <p>Aug. 18: District 4 Meeting (Montgomery)</p> <p>Aug. 21: District 7 Meeting (Tuscaloosa)</p> <p>Aug. 25: District 3 Meeting (Crest)</p> <p>Aug. 26: District 2 Meeting (Selma)</p>	<p>Nov. 6: AASB Webinar - Topic TBA</p> <p>Nov. 12 & 13: State Board of Education Panel Discussion/Dinner & Advocacy Day (Montgomery)</p>
SEPTEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025
<p>Sept. 4: District 8 Meeting (Decatur)</p> <p>Sept. 7 - 9: Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSBA) Federal Advocacy Institute (Washington, D.C.)</p> <p>Sept. 11: District 5 Meeting - (Birmingham)</p> <p>Sept. 15: District 1 Meeting (Jacksonville)</p> <p>Sept. 16: District 1 Meeting (Saraland)</p> <p>Sept. 18: AASB Webinar - Topic TBA</p> <p>Sept. 22: District 9 Meeting (Madison)</p>	<p>Dec. 4: Pre-Convention Workshop Artificial Intelligence (Montgomery)</p> <p>Dec. 4 - 6: AASB Winter Convention & Delegate Assembly (Montgomery)</p>

WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES
State law requires annually 6 hours of total training (includes 2 whole board training hours for all board members). The law also requires orientation courses for new school board members. AASB's two-part orientation fulfills the state's orientation requirement as well as the state ethics course requirement for public officials. Orientation hours count toward fulfilling 4 hours of the state's 6-hour annual training requirement.

AASB's 2025-2026 calendar is packed with learning opportunities designed to build stronger school board teams, foster effective governance and and sharpen leadership skills.

From district meetings to timely webinars and information-packed workshops and conferences, you can count on AASB to keep your board performing at its best.

AASB's training year runs from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. State law requires annually six hours of total training for school board members (two of which must include whole board training for the full board-superintendent team).

[View/Download Calendar](#)

2025-26 Whole Board Training Playlist: Hit Tracks for School Governance Success

SONG	ALBUM
1 Understanding Artificial Intelligence	Data & Goals
2 The Power of Positive Governance	An Effective Team
3 Boomers to Zoomers: Generational Insights	An Effective Team
4 Bullying: Board Tools for Safe Schools	Student Achievement
5 Improving Schools: Focusing On What Matters Most	Student Achievement
6 Building a Strong Team	An Effective Team

AASB's 2025-26 [Whole Board Training lineup](#) features a robust catalog of workshops designed to enhance your governance team's effectiveness and strengthen your leadership skills.

All-New Releases

"Understanding Artificial Intelligence" - Navigate education's digital revolution

"The Power of Positive Governance" - Transform board dynamics for greater impact

"Boomers to Zoomers: Generational Insights" - Bridge perspectives across your district

"Bullying: Board Tools for Safe Schools" - Create safer learning environments

Don't Forget: It Pays to Book Early!

Complete your AASB-led Whole Board Training in July, August or September for:

- **A 10% discount** on your training investment
- **Gift card drawing:** A chance for your board secretary to win one of three \$50 gift cards in our first-quarter drawing

Contact training@alabamaschoolboards.org or call Leadership Development Coordinator Candi Longnecker at 334-277-9700 for more information.



Fall District Meetings Remixed: Register Now to Catch the Beat!

AASB is dropping the mic on tradition this year with an all-new Fall District Meetings format designed to amplify YOUR voice on Alabama's most pressing education priorities.

🎵 🔥 🎤 The Playlist 🎵 🔥 🎤

- **MAIN STAGE:** A deep dive on game-changing legislative and policy issues in education
- **YOUR VOICE:** Your feedback directly shapes AASB's legislative priorities for 2026
- **SUPERSTAR** recognition of individual and team training achievements
- **SPOTLIGHT** celebration of Alabama's District Superintendents of the Year

🕒 District Meeting Dates

D1: Tuesday, Sept. 16 | Saraland

D2: Tuesday, Aug. 26 | Selma

D3: Monday, Aug. 25 | Ozark

D4: Monday, Aug. 18 | Montgomery

D5: Thursday, Sept. 11 | Birmingham

D6: Monday, Sept. 15 | Jacksonville State University

D7: Thursday, Aug. 21 | Tuscaloosa

D8: Thursday, Sept. 4 | Decatur

D9: Monday, Sept. 22 | Madison

Registration

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

[Contact AASB or Your Board Secretary to Register](#)

2025 All-State School Board Award

*Nominations Due
Aug. 15, 2025*



Is an All-State Nomination on Your Next Board Agenda?

Don't miss your chance to recognize exceptional leadership!

The deadline to nominate a deserving colleague for AASB's prestigious All-State School Board Member Award is fast approaching! The award is AASB's highest honor for school board members.

This is your opportunity to shine the spotlight on your board colleagues who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment and vision in advancing education.

Majority board vote required

Remember, nominations require a majority board vote, so act now to place this critical item on your next meeting agenda. [View complete eligibility & selection guidelines.](#)

[View Nomination Form](#)



**Policy Pipeline: Your Lifeboat Amid the Changing Tides of
Education Policy**

New subscriptions for AASB's Policy Pipeline are open now. This invaluable annual service helps your board maintain up-to-date policy manuals with minimal time and budget investment, providing expert analysis and draft policies on the latest legal and administrative developments.

The 2025-2026 edition will be published in mid-July, with the **exclusive subscribers-only** maintenance webinar scheduled for **Monday, July 21 at 10 a.m.** This convenient online session allows participants to review materials and get answers to their specific policy questions directly from AASB experts.

Don't miss this opportunity to streamline your policy management process and ensure your school system stays compliant with the latest laws and regulations. [Contact AASB today](#) if your board is not yet subscribed to this essential service!

[Learn More](#)



Free Webinar: 2025 Supreme Court Update

Wednesday, July 30, 2 p.m. (Central Time)

Mark your calendar for COSSBA's free webinar reviewing several recent Supreme Court decisions that will impact public education.

The Bose Public Affairs Group and Jonathan Mayes, chair of the Education Law Group with Bose McKinney and Evans LLP, will review four recent cases in which COSSBA filed amicus briefs.

Learn what these rulings mean for your school system before the 2025-26 school year begins.

[Register Now](#)



Join Your Alabama Colleagues in D.C. for Federal Advocacy Conference Sept. 7-9

Join fellow leaders from across the country in the nation's capital Sept. 7-9, 2025, for the Consortium of State School Boards Association's (COSSBA) Federal Advocacy Conference.

Why you should attend:

- **GAIN** insider insights from top policymakers
- **SHARPEN** your advocacy skills
- **CONNECT** with change-makers who share your passion for public education



This year's conference will feature legendary investigative journalist **Bob Woodward** as the keynote speaker. Woodward, associate editor for The Washington Post and author of 23 best-selling books, first gained international attention when he and Carl Bernstein uncovered the Watergate scandal in 1973.

Known for his factual, non-partisan approach to covering the inner workings of the federal government, Woodward has won nearly every American journalism award, including two Pulitzers.

Registration & Hotel Details

- **Early Bird Rate:** \$675 before July 18, 2025
- **After July 18, 2025:** \$725

The group room rate at the Grand Hyatt Washington is \$349 per night, plus tax. Availability is limited, and rooms will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until the block is full.

[Learn More/Register](#)

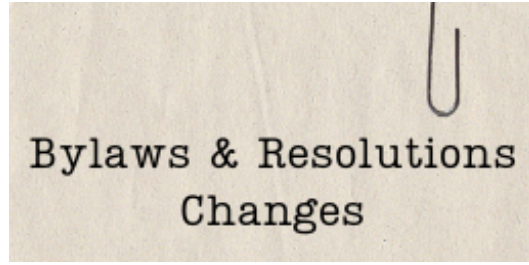


President-Elect Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for AASB president-elect for 2026. 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.

DEADLINE: Self-nomination forms will be sent this month and posted online. Nomination forms must be sent to AASB on or before **Sept. 1**.

Questions may be directed to Nominating Committee Chair and AASB **Immediate Past President Brad Ingle** (205-275-0721) or **AASB Executive Assistant Tammy Wright** (334-277-9700).



Bylaws & Resolutions Changes

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 AASB's website to review current [Bylaws](#) & [Resolutions](#).

Send submissions via:

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BOARD MEMBER *Spotlight*

Meet Tara Moseley
Clarke County Board of Education

Q: What excites you the most about being a school board member?

A: — “ —
Knowing that the board members I serve with all want to see our students and faculty excel, and give them the resources needed to do so. ” —

Board Member Spotlight: Tara Moseley

From the ball field to the boardroom: Meet Clarke County board member, **Tara Moseley**, who balances directing youth sports with advocating for student success.

Discover how this mother of three brings her personal stake in education to every decision while maintaining her guiding principle: "Every decision should be about making things better for the students that you represent, not about you and what others think you should do."

[Read More](#)



Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Applications Now Open

Applications now are being accepted for the 2025 Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards, recognizing excellence in school safety practices across the state.

The program highlights innovative approaches and best practices in creating secure learning environments for Alabama's students.

HOW TO APPLY

Schools are encouraged to submit their applications, which include both the initial application (Phase 1) and Evaluation of Emergency Preparedness (Phase 2), by the deadline of **August 15, 2025**.

Alabama Attorney General's Office For more information and application details, visit the Alabama Attorney General's website at www.alabamaag.gov/safe-schools/.



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