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

August 17, 2020



SBOE Announces Teacher of the Year, Discusses Assessments and Superintendent Evaluation

The Alabama State Board of Education announced Dr. Andrew Jackson, a fourth-grade teacher at Pell City's Eden Elementary School, as Alabama's 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year at its meeting Thursday, August 13. David Dai, a secondary school teacher at Alma Bryant High School (Mobile County Schools), was named Alternate Teacher of the Year. This year's virtual announcement via candidate videos took the place of the usual Teacher of the Year reception due COVID-19 safety precautions.

The work session following Thursday's meeting included presentations and discussions on student assessments, the superintendent's evaluation, the ALSDE's FY21 proposed budget and more.

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Help Us Find This Year's All-State School Board Award Honorees!

There's still time to get your nominations in for AASB's 2020 All-State School Board Member Award. All superintendents and school board presidents have received [eligibility and selection guidelines](#) for this prestigious recognition program that celebrates exemplary boardmanship.

Nominations may be submitted by a majority vote of an AASB member school board. Or,

individual AASB school board members may nominate any AASB school board member with an endorsement by a majority vote of the nominee's local school board. This year's nomination deadline is **Sept. 4, 2020**.

[View Nomination Form](#)



Registration Open for AASB's Fall Conference

Registration is now open for AASB's Fall Academy Core Conference, *Leadership for Community Engagement*. Join us in Montgomery Sunday, Oct. 4 and Monday, Oct. 5 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa and learn how community engagement brings together public relations, media relations and internal and external communication to enhance relationships between schools and those they serve. Earn six training hours for the conference and another two hours by taking part in the post-conference workshop on *Countering Biases Hidden in Your Policies & Practices*.

Click the link below for additional details about Fall Conference, including hotel reservations, speaker and session information and the many health and safety precautions we will be implementing.

[Learn More or Register ...](#)



Deadline Extended to Oct. 21 for AASB Student Video Contest

The Alabama Association of School Boards is accepting entries from public school students (grades 4-12) for its 9th annual statewide student video contest.

UPDATE: The original deadline for the contest was April 13, 2020; however, due to school closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline will be extended through the fall. **The new contest deadline is Oct. 21, 2020.**

This year's contest theme, "Road to Success," applauds excellence in teaching, student creativity and how Alabama's public schools are preparing students for many

different pathways to success, from career technical education to STEM to advanced academics, performing arts and more! A maximum of two entries will be accepted from each Alabama school system.

Four lucky schools will share in more than \$3,000 in prize money for their 30- to 60-second commercials/public service announcements. The top four videos will be shown December 5, 2020, during AASB's Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel and at a future Alabama State Board of Education meeting in Montgomery.

[Learn More ...](#)



September Webinar: Students & The First Amendment

From student protests to religious expression to political speech on campus, navigating the First Amendment in K-12 schools can be complex -- especially in an increasingly polarized society. Make plans to join us **Thursday, Sept. 3** from noon to 1 p.m. for AASB's next webinar, *Students and the First Amendment*. Christopher M. Pape, shareholder at Lanier Ford Attorneys at Law, will highlight a series of real-world legal cases to explain the roles and obligations of local boards of education in preserving students' free-speech rights. Earn one training hour.

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District Director Nominations

AASB is accepting nominations or self-nominations of active members interested in serving as director in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.



President-Elect Nominations

AASB is seeking self-nominations for President-Elect. The President-Elect will serve a one-year term. According to AASB's bylaws, candidates for election to an elective office must have served on the AASB Board

[Nomination forms](#) have been mailed and are due to AASB's executive director **by Sept. 1**.

Ballots listing eligible nominees will be mailed to district members by Oct. 1. Each board within a district gets one vote. The board president will certify that action was taken at a board meeting to choose a candidate, and the ballot must be returned to AASB by Oct. 31. If only one person is nominated, he or she automatically becomes district director.

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of Directors; however, such service need not be consecutive to the individual's candidacy for or term of elective office.

President-Elect [self-nomination forms](#) have been mailed and are due to AASB's executive director **on/before Sept. 1**. Direct questions to AASB Executive Director Sally Smith at 334-277-9700 or Nominating Committee Chair and AASB Immediate Past President James Woosley at 251-281-8539.

[Learn more ...](#)



FREE Race & Education Webinar

Tune in **Thursday, August 20 at 1 p.m. (CST)** to hear from education policymakers about the strategies they are using to recruit and retain a new generation of diverse teacher leaders in a **free webinar** hosted by the Hunt Institute of Duke University. The webinar, *Building the Next Generation of Diverse Teacher Leaders*, will explore the national shortage of teachers of color and what more diversity could bring to local schools and school districts. Featured speakers include Dr. Anthony Graham, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Winston-Salem State University; Dr. Travis Bristol, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education at University of California, Berkeley; and Gerard Robinson, Adjunct Fellow at American Enterprise Institute.

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Sign Up Now for Your Fall District Meeting!

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.

Group and Individual Attendance Prizes!

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.

Stay tuned for information about how your board can win some exciting prizes for participating as a group!

[View Dates & Register](#)



Just Ask Jayne

Documentation of COVID-19 Results for Employee's Spouse

Dear Jayne: One of our employees has requested emergency paid sick leave to care for his wife who has tested positive for COVID-19. I know we can ask for documentation of an employee's positive or negative test result, but are we allowed to ask for documentation of a non-employee's test results?

[View Answer](#)



Book Whole Board Training for August or September and Save 10%

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 **August** or **September!**

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



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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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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