



FOR YOUR *information*

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

October 9, 2020



SBOE Meeting and Work Session Focus on FY22 Budget and COVID-19 Concerns, Funding

The State Board of Education approved its \$5.2 billion FY22 education budget request at its meeting Thursday, Oct 8. The budget request, a \$459 million increase over FY21, was discussed at last month's work session and includes funding increases for school nurses, transportation, Alabama Literacy Act and AMSTI supports, Career and Technology Education, mental health and more. The request now goes to Gov. Kay Ivey who must submit her proposal to the legislature when it convenes in February 2021.

Other meeting and work session highlights included an update on the number of teachers completing professional development on the science of reading or LETRS training, challenges and concerns facing schools amid the pandemic, federal COVID-19 relief funding and more. In addition, the board received an update from the state textbook committee for K-12 mathematics.

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Alabama Daily News: Budgeting Put Alabama in 'Enviably' Situation Amid Pandemic

A recent Alabama Daily News article explained that both Alabama's general fund and education budgets will end this fiscal year able to tuck money away into reserve accounts, placing the state in what is being described as an "enviable" position compared to many other states amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

AASB was proud to be a lead advocate to enact the 2011 ETF Rolling Reserve Act, which created a budgeting process and stabilization fund that is now being credited with keeping the education budget healthy during the current economic downturn.

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WEBINAR Drawing the Line: School Boards and 2020 Redistricting

Once the 2020 Census draws to a close, Alabama school boards will need to turn their attention to redrawing district lines to reflect shifts in their demographics.

Join us Thursday, Nov. 19 from noon to 1 p.m. for AASB's next webinar, "Drawing the Line: School Boards and Redistricting." School board attorney and redistricting expert Dorman Walker will provide insight on the work elected boards will have to do, factors impacting how redistricting will take place and where the lines fall.

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Register Now for Virtual AASB Convention

AASB's Annual Convention & Delegate Assembly will take place Thursday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham – The Wynfrey Hotel.

Although we've reached maximum capacity for in-person attendance, members still can participate virtually. Enjoy engaging general sessions, mini-clinic sessions and more via livestream.

To make this event more convenient for our virtual participants, we've compressed the [Convention schedule](#) to feature all the major speakers and sessions on Friday.

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Don't Miss These Upcoming Deadlines



STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST

AASB is still accepting entries from public school students (grades 4-12) for its 9th annual statewide student ["Road to Success" video contest](#) applauding excellence in teaching, student creativity and how Alabama's public schools are preparing students for many different pathways to success.

Four lucky schools will share in more than \$3,000 in prize money for their 30- to 60-second commercials/public service announcements. The contest deadline is **Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020.**

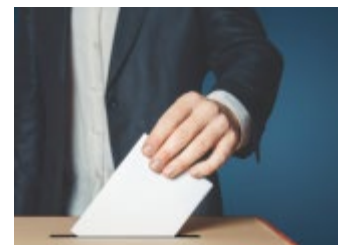


DELEGATE/ALTERNATE NAMES

Make your voice heard by choosing your delegates and alternates for AASB's annual Delegate Assembly, held at the AASB Convention.

Delegate/alternate forms have been mailed to all school systems, and school boards must provide AASB with their delegate and alternate names by **Friday, Oct. 30, 2020.**

Delegate/alternate names may be mailed to P.O. Box 4980, Montgomery, AL 36103-4980 or faxed to 334-270-0000. You may also [submit the names online.](#)



DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Ballots for directors in Districts 1 and 9 have been mailed. District 1 candidates are [Gary Shockley](#) (Saraland) and [Leslie Weaver-Martin](#) (Chickasaw). District 9 candidates are current director [Beth Wilder](#) (Huntsville) and [Rhonda Smith](#) (Boaz).

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, 2020.**



Just Ask Jayne

Term Start Dates for Newly Elected County School Board Members

Dear Jayne: After the general election in November, when will our new county board members begin their term?

[View Answer](#)



Nominate Your Board for NSBA's 2021 Magna Award

NSBA is accepting nominations for its Magna Awards program through Oct. 30, 2020. The program has a long history of recognizing school district innovation and creativity in helping increase student achievement.

The 2021 awards program will focus on equity in education, recognizing district programs that remove barriers to achievement for vulnerable or underserved students.

A grand prize and five winners will be awarded in each enrollment category: under 5,000 enrollment; 5,000-20,000 enrollment; and over 20,000 enrollment. Three grand prize winners will showcase their winning programs at a special Master Class session during NSBA's 2021 annual conference. All winning districts will be featured in the April issue of American School Board Journal.

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NEW WHOLE BOARD TRAINING

Barriers to Student Learning I



AASB is excited to announce an all-new whole board training designed to help school board teams become more aware of common barriers to student learning and implement strategies to reduce these barriers. This three-hour whole board training is \$550 plus mileage.

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

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