

IASB Affiliation With NSBA

When will IASB's withdrawal of NSBA membership take effect?

The termination of membership was effective immediately following the vote of the IASB Board of Directors on November 18.

Have other state associations taken similar action?

As of November 18, school boards associations in 12 states have voted to withdraw membership, while others plan to consider such action at board meetings in November and December. The process for withdrawal of membership may vary based upon the state associations' bylaws.

Does this development mean that my local school district is, and/or I am, no longer a member of NSBA?

The National School Boards Association was formed to provide support for state school boards associations, their staffs, and their elected leaders. While local Illinois school boards and individual school board members have previously had access to some NSBA services because of their membership in IASB, local board members have never held membership in NSBA. Prior to this year, NSBA membership was made up of the 49 state school boards associations.

Does that mean I will lose access to NSBA resources?

The status of local school boards who currently participate in the National Connection program and Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) is unclear at this time. IASB will share information with these participants as soon as it is received.

IASB will continue to collaborate with other state school boards associations to develop programs, high-quality board development opportunities, national networking and events, and federal advocacy. IASB currently has Governmental Relations staff assigned to provide support for federal advocacy.

Can I still attend NSBA conferences?

While it is unclear whether NSBA will allow school board members in non-member states to participate in events, it is reasonable to assume that access to NSBA events and services could be limited.

If you are registered or have made travel arrangements for NSBA's 2022 Annual Conference, Advocacy Institute and/or Equity Symposium in Washington D.C., we recommend reviewing cancellation policies. IASB will provide updates to our members once we receive definitive information from NSBA.