Illinois Association of School Boards

Governmental Relations 2026-2027 Calendar for Members

Advocacy is speaking up to shape and influence public policy in a particular direction. For school board members, advocacy involves outreach to promote public education, researching and fact-finding to back a position, and mobilizing grassroots support for an issue. This calendar shares the many ways members can get involved in these efforts.

DECEMBER

- **December 9:** Preview – 2027 Legislative Process & IASB Resources, Campaigns & Events (All Member Webinar)

JANUARY

- **January 15:** Legislative Priorities and Toolkit Overview (Advocacy Ambassador Meeting)
- **January 21:** Spotlight on 40x40 (All Member Webinar)

FEBRUARY

- **Resolutions Committee Meeting:** Position Statement Review (Resolutions Committee Members)
- **Call for Resolutions Opens!** (All Members)
- **February 19:** State and Federal Legislative Initiatives; introduction of Office Hours (Advocacy Ambassador Meeting)

MARCH

- **Office Hours with Governmental Relations Staff** (Open to Advocacy Ambassadors)
- **March 19:** 2027 Legislative Update (All Member Webinar)

APRIL

- **IASB Advocacy Day Prep Webinars (TBD)**
  - Two prep sessions
  - Pre-Advocacy Day office hours/practice sessions
- **IASB Advocacy Day (Springfield) (TBD)**
- **Office Hours with Governmental Relations Staff** (Open to Advocacy Ambassadors)

MAY

- **May 21:** Federal and State Issues (Advocacy Ambassador Meeting)

JUNE

- **Call for Resolutions Closes!** (All Members)
- **June 4:** State Budget and End of Session Report (All Member Webinar)

JULY

- This is a good time to meet with your state legislators at their in-district office to talk about your school district's concerns.

AUGUST

- **Federal Advocacy Conference Prep Webinar (TBD)**
- **August 6:** Resolutions Committee Meeting: Vote on proposed Resolutions (Resolutions Committee Members)

SEPTEMBER

- **Federal Advocacy Conference Prep Webinars (TBD)**
- **September 8:** IASB Federal Updates Webinar (All Member Webinar)
- **September 19-21:** COSSBA Federal Advocacy Conference (Washington, D.C.)

OCTOBER

- **Delegate Assembly Webinars and Delegate Prep (TBD)**

NOVEMBER

- **Delegate Prep Webinar**
- **At Joint Annual Conference:**
  - Resolutions Committee Meeting: Friday (Resolutions Committee Members)
  - Delegate Assembly: Saturday
  - State and Federal Panels (All Members Welcome)
  - Advocacy & Engagement Meet-Up: Sunday (All Members Welcome)

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