

Carroll Community School District

Carroll, Iowa 51401-1911



Carroll CSD Board of Education Directors:

My recommendations for the 2022-2023 Iowa Association of School Board's (IASB) Legislative platform are below. IASB has asked each district to submit four priorities that will be used to develop a legislative platform. It is difficult to narrow the list to four because there are so many important issues that impact our state education system.

Student Achievement and Accountability

- Preschool - support continued funding to ensure that all 4 and 5 year-olds have access to the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program. Support an increase in funding from the current weighting of 0.5 to 1.0 full-time equivalent to increase the ability of the district to provide services such as full-day programming and transportation to ensure that all 4 and 5-year-olds have the ability to attend the Statewide FVoluntary Preschool Program.
- Mental Health - Supports efforts to establish comprehensive community mental health systems to offer preventative and treatment services and comprehensive school mental health programs.

Educator Quality

- Market-Competitive Wages - supports providing school districts with incentives and the flexibility to pay market competitive wages for shortage area positions, especially in the areas required to meet graduation and Iowa content standards.
- Teacher Recruitment and Licensure - supports additional tools to attract individuals to the teaching profession, especially for shortage areas (see the IASB document)

Fiscal Responsibility and Stewardship

- Supplemental State Aid - Supports setting supplemental state aid:
 - At a rate that sufficiently supports local districts' efforts to plan, create and sustain world-class schools;
 - For FY 2024, by January 28, 2023
 - For FY 2025 and future budget years, at least 14 months prior to the certification of the school district's budget.

Respectfully,

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