

Iowa ASCD Legislative Alert

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Legislative Alert - Change in Workshop Date - Rescheduled for JANUARY 30!

January 16 Advocacy Workshop/Update Is Rescheduled for January 30, 2024!

Dear Members of Iowa ASCD,

This has been a week - nothing that we could have expected! Last week's state address has caused us to realize that time is of the essence and that it's critical that we know the best ways to communicate with fellow educators, school board members, parents, and legislators.



You previously received information about the Advocacy Day that we were going to hold January 16. However, due to inclement weather and the number of school closure days, it was determined that we would postpone the event to Tuesday, January 30.

The place and time remain the same:

- In-person meeting at the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, 855 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA.
- The session will also be available on Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84523759109?pwd=PxZEi3z9kB3elCrgCRxABwcPQUfG6l.1>; Password - Advocacy)

The schedule:

- 8:30 Coffee/Light Breakfast
- 9:00- 12:00-- Sessions with Margaret Buckton, Advocate for Rural Schools of Iowa and the Urban Education Network; Legislators Lynn Evans, Senate Republican; and Sharon Steckman, House Democrat. Both legislators serve on the Education Committees.
- Dr. Jodi Grover and Dr. Pam Vogel will be sharing tips on communicating with your legislators.
- Time in the afternoon could be used to visit with your legislator(s).

We ask that you PLEASE consider making the time to join us. It's imperative that we understand what is at stake for our public education system in Iowa and our students!

To attend, either in person at Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, (855 East Court Avenue, Des Moines) or through Zoom, please register by January 25 on the Iowa ASCD website: <https://iowaascd.org/events/register-now> When it requests payment source, click on PO and type in "No Charge."

Please share this information with your colleagues, friends, and school board members. We all need to be informed.

We hope to see you on this new date, January 30, 2024.

Pam Vogel and Anna Selk
Iowa ASCD Advocacy Co-chairs

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Register now for the January 20 Iowa ASCD Advocacy workshop/update in person or on [Zoom](#).

<https://iowaascd.org/events/register-now>. Password is Advocacy.
Invite others to join you.



WHAT CAN YOU DO? [Review the governor's 2024 education priorities](#)

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Invite your legislators to the classrooms in your school. Let them experience the learning in action with your students. [This guide](#) from SAI and Rural Schools of Iowa provides great tips on how to host your legislators.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Invite your legislators to your preschool on February 2. A Preschool Coalition

Conference and School Administrators of Iowa is working together to invite as many legislators as possible to see high-quality preschool in action on Feb. 2, 2024.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?: Share your voice regarding education with your legislators - email, phone, text, letter.

Don't know your legislators or how to contact them? Let us help you find them: [Find Your Legislator](#)

- Enter address, city, or zip code to find legislators serving that area. Call, text, [e-mail](#), write, or visit them at the Capitol. Leave a message if you cannot talk with them.

House Switchboard: 515.281.3221

Senate Switchboard: 515.281.3371

Legislative Emails: firstname.lastname@legis.iowa.gov

Iowa Governor Contact Form: <https://governor.iowa.gov/contact-office-governor>

Iowa Capitol mailing address:

State Capitol Building

1007 East Grand Ave

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Communication Tips and Reminders from ISEA/Iowa ASCD Director, Cindy Swanson.:

- Please be respectful in your communications
- Use a personal email address (not your work email)
- Explain where you live, remind them you are their constituent
- Get personal, share why this legislation affects your students and Iowa's children

Share this information with all of your friends, colleagues, board members, and family and encourage them to use it in contacting their legislators. Every Communication Counts!

Thank you for all you do to make Iowa the best place to live and learn - and keep our children safe.

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