

Critical Department of Education due dates - Check this link for each month's important deadlines: bit.ly/dedeaddlines.

Join us in January - SAI Executive Leaders will hold their semi-annual meeting the evening of January 17 and morning of January 18 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The Steering Committee has once again assembled a robust agenda, which includes comments from 2019 Iowa Superintendent of the Year Susie Meade; a presentation and Q&A session from Bureau of Educational Examiners Director Ann Lebo; learning from Northwest AEA chief administrator Dan Cox on the importance of rest; facilitated table discussion on timely topics; and a modified version of safety training from the Iowa Department of Public Safety that will be offered free of charge this spring to each school district. All superintendents are encouraged to attend this event, which is sponsored by Horace Mann. An agenda with detailed information will be emailed to Executive Leaders members in the next few days. Registration for the meeting is available at bit.ly/SAIevents.

Call for SAI executive officer candidates - Are you an SAI member who is a general administrator (defined as a superintendent, central office administrator or AEA administrator) wishing to expand your leadership experience and serve your profession? Consider running for SAI vice president for 2019-20.

The position is rotated annually among elementary, general and secondary administrators. The vice president begins a four-year commitment on the SAI Executive Committee and moves through the chairs. Meetings are typically held monthly on a Wednesday.

Communicate your interest in running for office to Roark Horn <rhorn@sai-iowa.org> by Dec. 17. Additional information and application requirements (due Dec. 31) are available at sai-iowa.org/sai-vp-application.cfm.

Commitment to education - The legislative priorities have been finalized by the SAI Legislative Committee and approved by the Rep Council. There is a link to the priorities under the Advocacy tab on the SAI website. As we head into 2019 and the upcoming legislative session, remind your local legislators of their announced commitments to public education during the campaign season and November elections. Iowans have always been extremely proud of our schools and the quality education they provide our students. Our legislators' actions should reflect our Iowan values!

Evaluator Approval offered in Ankeny this June - Human Capital Systems to Support 21st Century Learning will be held June 10 & 11 as now, more than ever, the world demands more of our students. A student's educational journey must not only provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, it must also be more intentional about fostering critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and other 21st century skills.

Fostering these critical outcomes in students demands significantly different competencies from our educators. Defining, growing and valuing those new competencies has profound implications for each district's evaluation system and all components of the human capital management system. During these two days, facilitators Tony Bagshaw and Mike Nicholson of Battelle for Kids will help us explore the current landscape, potential competencies and how they might be evaluated, and how local educational leaders can align their human capital management systems to ensure these skills for each learner.

This course also includes an online learning module that requires 3-5 hours to complete.

Participants will earn 1 licensure renewal credit that includes Evaluator Approval certification.

Future SAI Annual Conference dates - Reserve July 30-Aug. 1, 2019, and Aug. 4-6, 2020, on your calendars.

Professional Learning Opportunities - register online and find more information at bit.ly/SAIevents

December

6 - Building a Contagious Culture (registration is at capacity)

January

17 & 18 - Executive Leaders

February

12 - School Law Conference

21 - Building a Contagious Culture