

2026 Legislative Session Is Done: Evidence of RSAI Influence

We spend so much energy focused on preventing bad legislation from happening (or amending it to be less harmful) that we may miss the opportunity to celebrate great work. So pause, take a breath, and accept our thanks for your many advocacy actions this Session. We are sharing a list of Session outcomes that demonstrate RSAI influence. Find the list posted on the RSAI 2026 Legislative Webpage at: <https://www.rsaia.org/2026-legislative-session.html>. Share with others in your district who helped to make positive improvements in policies discussed at the Statehouse and thank them, too.

More Session Information Coming

- The Governor has 30 days from May 3, the last day of the 2026 Legislative Session, to sign or veto legislation. See RSAI's final Weekly Report of the 2026 Session, [5/3/2/2026 Capitol Recap Report – Sine Die](#), which reports changes to the Property Tax Bill and the Standings Appropriations Bill.
- Stay tuned for two ISFIS Special Topic Webinars on the 2026 Session: 1) Appropriations, Property Taxes, and Legislation with Budget Implications Impacting School Districts, and 2) Education, Government, and Other Policy Legislation Impacting School Districts. Register using the [ISFIS Webinars Webpage](#).
- RSAI will continue to share resources as they develop, including any administrative rules the executive branch may put forward to implement policy changes this Session, DE Guidance and other resources.

RSAI 2027 Priority Development

The final two RSAI Regional meetings will take place on May 5 in Fairfield and on May 6 in Cedar Falls, gathering detailed information that will inform the RSAI Legislative Committee's work in August, to set a draft legislative platform for 2027. Look forward to an RSAI Advocacy Feedback Survey this summer, so additional information may help these Committee members best reflect members' needs. RSAI members will come together in person at the RSAI Annual Meeting in early October in Des Moines to network, eat a great meal, and refine and solidify the RSAI Platform for the 2027 Session.

2026 November General Election Advocacy Resources

Iowa Secretary of State, Paul Pate, has posted the final list of candidates for the June primary. See who is running in your area. Contact information is included. Reach out to state officials at their home address, campaign email or phone. Party conventions may still nominate candidates to run if there are no primary winners for some seats, so the list of general election candidates will grow. See the list on the [Iowa SOS Website](#). Reach out to all candidates, regardless of party, and encourage support for public education, including adequate funding and local flexibility to best meet students' needs.

Watch for more General Election advocacy supports coming this summer, including sample questions for candidates, tools for hosting legislative forums or different ways to invite candidates into your schools.

Contact us with any questions, feedback or suggestions to better prepare your advocacy work.

Thanks to all of you for your energy and voice on behalf of the students in your schools!