

**Interim Update:** Several committees and task forces have met or will meet to help guide the implementation of legislation passed during the 2024 Session or to provide recommendations to the Legislature and Governor for the 2025 Session. Just to let you know, they sometimes enact task force recommendations, HF 2612 included the recommendations of the Nonpublic Special Education Task Force, which met in the 2023 Interim. Here are those that were required by legislation this year:

- School Safety and Security Infrastructure Task Force to be convened by the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Calls on the Legislative Council to convene a task force to further study and make recommendations related to the outcomes of students who receive services through the AEAs (the topics to be studied is a long list including the impact of changes to AEAs in HF 2614).
- Requires the DE Director to conduct a comprehensive review of and make recommendations regarding the state's high school graduation requirements, core content standards, and core curriculum according to the criteria specified in the Act.
- Directs the State Board of Education to complete a review and revision of the state's social studies standards. The Department of Education is to present the revised social studies standards to the Board on or before December 31, 2025.

**RSAI Legislative Digest and list of 2024 Successes:** see the 2024 Legislative Session website for these tools to help you track what happened last year, what local districts have to change to comply, and the list of successes to lead off advocacy conversations with a thank you to incumbent legislators: <https://www.rsaia.org/2024-legislative-session.html>

**Outreach to Candidates:** check out this new list of [Sample Candidate/Legislator Questions](#) designed to help you and your team prepare for legislator/candidate discussions in order to build relationships and understand their beliefs around important policy issues. Download this advocacy resource and personalize it before meetings with candidates.

**RSAI Annual Meeting:** to be held on **Tuesday, October 15, 2024**, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, beginning at 4:30, dinner included. Check out the link to register and review draft legislative priorities in advance of the meeting. Click here for a [downloadable invitation](#) you can share with others. Access the [agenda](#) for all of the details, including guest speaker, Ron Cox, Midwest Workforce Strategies, who will talk to the group about Ron Cox, Midwest Workforce Strategies "Midwest Workforce Challenges and Solutions".

**RSAI Advocacy Resources:** Check out the RSAI Website at <https://www.rsaia.org/2024-legislative-session.html> to find Advocacy Resources such as the 2024 Legislative Digest, sample questions for candidates, Position Papers, RSAI Weekly Legislative Recap Reports and Videos, RSAI Calls to Action and more. 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!**