

**RSAI Membership Map:** Although we are still updating for recent dues paid, on page 2 of this document is the most updated RSAI Membership Map for the 2022-23 school year. We are grateful for those districts who've been on board since the beginning and also to those that are welcomed as new members for the first time! The growth to over 160 members extends our organization's reach to new communities and additional legislators. The RSAI Boundaries & Member Map is also linked on the RSAI Website at: <https://www.rsaia.org/about.html>.

**RSAI Draft 2023 Legislative Priorities:** Thanks to our RSAI Legislative Committee representatives (listed below) who worked during August to draft these priorities for members to discuss at the Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. If you haven't yet registered, find information about the Annual Meeting on the RSAI Website at: <https://www.rsaia.org/annual-meeting.html>

Link to 2023 RSAI Draft Priorities:

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NE - Barb Schwamman, Osage CSD and Riceville CSD  
NE - Mike Kruger, West Fork CSD  
NW - Brian Johnson, Prairie Valley CSD and Southeast Webster Grand CSD  
NW - Ken Kasper, Garner Hayfield Venture CSD  
NW - Mike Pardun, Denison CSD and Schleswig CSD  
SE - Joel Pedersen, Cardinal CSD (Committee Vice-Chair)  
SE - Mike Van Sickle, Louisa-Muscatine CSD  
SE - Michelle Havenstrite, PCM CSD  
SE - Pam Ewell, Benton CSD  
SE - Janet Stutz, Grinnell-Newburg CSD  
SW - Sharon Dentlinger, Interstate 35 CSD  
SW - Deron Stender, Creston CSD  
At-Large - Dan Peterson, Central DeWitt CSD  
At-Large - Scott Williamson, Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont CSD (Committee Chair)  
At-Large - Kimberly Lingenfelter, Cherokee CSD

**RSAI Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker:** Speaking of the Annual Meeting, we are excited about our Keynote Speaker. In addition to creating the legislative platform and conducting other business (*and having a great dinner*), participants at the RSAI Annual Meeting on **October 25, 2022**, will hear a great presentation by Benjamin S. Winchester, Extension Educator, Evaluation & Rural Sociology, from the Extension Center for Community Vitality at the University of Minnesota. Winchester will discuss a different way of thinking about changes to rural communities in a positive light, to help dispel the myth of exaggerated rural decline. The Keynote Speaker portion of the meeting will be presented via Zoom so board members or others can listen in to that portion of the meeting. Make sure to invite your board members, especially to hear the Keynote Address if they do not wish to make the trip to Ankeny. More details at: <https://www.rsaia.org/annual-meeting.html>

**New Advocacy Resource Posted (Sample Questions for Candidates):** Check out the sample questions we have posted for conversations with candidates and legislators. These questions focus on the big issues of adequate funding, teacher and staff shortages, funding equity to meet student needs (formula

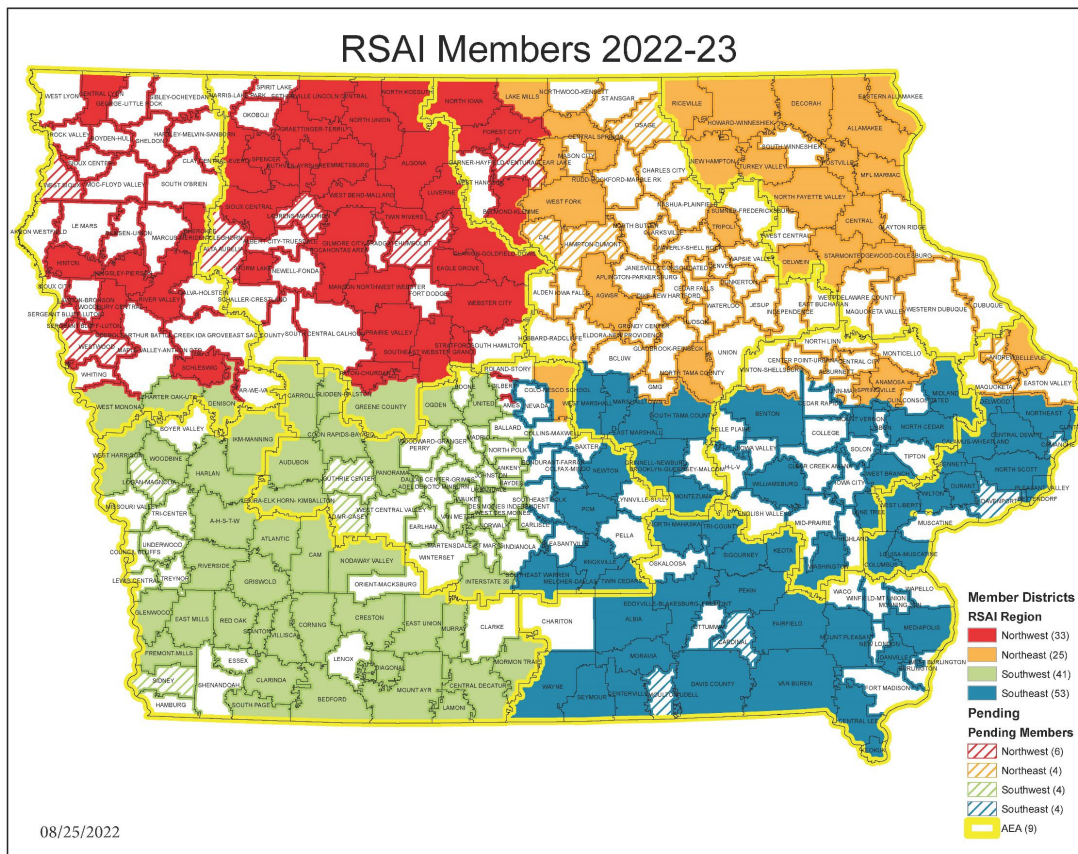
equity, transportation and poverty factor) and School Choice. Find the sample questions on the RSAI Website at: <https://www.rsaia.org/2022-legislative-session.html>.

**NREA Annual Convention and Research Symposium:** If you are attending this conference in Green Bay, WI, Oct. 20-21, look for RSAI Professional Advocate, Margaret Buckton, and Cherokee CSD Superintendent, Kimberly Lingenfelter (new RSAI Leadership Group Member) as they present a session on Iowa's Teacher and Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship Program. Find out more information here: <https://www.nrea.net/2022-Convention-Research-Symposium>. Let us know if you are planning to attend. There is also a virtual option with many sessions accessible from your desk in Iowa (although Margaret and Kimberly's session is only available in person).

**RSAI Testimony:** Statement from RSAI to DE's Public Hearing, Sept. 13, 2022, on proposed Open Enrollment rules following elimination of the March 1 deadline, posted <https://nebula.wsimg.com/3e2fd2297f619d027ad856e497b3363e?AccessKeyId=D081CCCA2DCE3941176&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

**RSAI's 2022 Legislative Digest:** See all of the actions of the 2022 Legislative Session, including a list of successes, priority actions, and RSAI bill registrations in the 2022 RSAI Legislative Digest. Find the individual sections or complete 2022 Legislative Digest at: <https://www.rsaia.org/2022-legislative-session.html>

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**Thanks for all you do for your students and communities!**

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