

RSAI Regional Meetings: Join us! The agenda includes elections for regional Leadership Group and Legislative Committee members. Attendees will discuss a new draft of the RSAI Mission/Vision, hear an update on the 2026 Session (so far), and engage in a discussion of priorities for 2027 and the upcoming election cycle. Free to RSAI member and non-member district leaders, but please register at this link:

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RSAI Region	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Time	Regional Rep	Meeting Materials
SW Region	4/1/2026	Green Hills AEA 212 E Coolbaugh Street Red Oak	11:45 Lunch; 12 Meeting	Ron Lorenz	Agenda
NW Region	4/7/2026	Prairie Lakes AEA 500 NE 6th Street Pocahontas	11:30 Lunch; 12 Meeting	Justin Daggett	Agenda
SE Region	5/6/2026	Fairfield Arts & Conv Center with Great Prairie AEA 200 N Main Street Fairfield	12 Lunch; 12:30 Meeting	Jeremy Hissem	Agenda
SE Region	5/7/2026	Central Rivers AEA 1521 Technology Pkwy Cedar Falls	8-9:30 am Breakfast/Meeting	Barb Schwamman	Agenda

Closing Down the 2026 Session: Timeline and Pending Legislation

Timeline: Per diem for legislators runs out on April 21. The House and Senate Republicans have not yet announced consensus budget targets, but some budget bills have been considered or are scheduled for a subcommittee meeting. Big issues, in addition to the budget, include eminent domain, property tax relief, and others. There are important pending actions without evidence of House and Senate agreement, so the Session is likely to extend beyond April 21.

RSAI issues still on the agenda:

Education Appropriations [SSB 3191](#): includes \$2.4 million for Therapeutic classrooms (plus a standing appropriation of \$750,000 to provide services to students without an IEP or 504 plan) , \$265,000 to continue funding the TeachIowa Job Posting System, and \$949,000 for the Teach Iowa Scholar Program (loan forgiveness changes in HF 2441 is still in House Appropriations Committee). Thanks to Scott Williamson, Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Superintendent (and RSAI SE Iowa Leadership Group Representative), for presenting to the House Education Appropriations Committee, along with leaders from Winterset, on the value of Therapeutic Classrooms for students on March 17!

Property Tax Reform Shows Evidence of RSAI Member Influence: [SF 2472](#) no longer has a state takeover of special ed and media and educational services property taxes, still limits

management fund taxing authority, but does not mention SAVE. [HF 2745](#) eliminated the 60% supermajority vote for SAVE bonds, diverts SAVE to property taxes by 2034, but extends SAVE to 2070. Adds a June special election date for bonds. Still working on the UAB 35% limit. Both bills improve taxpayer statements. They could reach a compromise or adjourn before agreement.

ESA Categorical and TSS Flex: [SF 2144](#) and [HF 2684](#): Although they fell through the funnel cracks, Sens. Shipley and Evans are working on a vehicle to include this priority, likely in an appropriations bill.

CTE Teachers Operational Sharing: [SF 2005](#) is attached to [HF 2492](#) on the Senate Calendar.

TAG and Advanced Pathways: [SF 2220](#) was amended in the House. [S-5132](#) delays implementation (Advanced Pathways & Acceleration) to the year beginning July 1, 2027, and provides criteria for district determination of student readiness.

Concurrent Enrollment: Failure Payback [SF 2299](#) & District Online Discretion [SF 2320](#) (House Calendar).

PK for Young Children: [HF 2493](#) adds students who turn 5 after March 15 in SVPP to count for 0.5 weighting. Does not prohibit TK. Gives local districts more options.

Technology Impact on Students: [SF 2335](#) is on the House Calendar (may be enough to encourage Senators to remove screen time limits from [HF 2676](#) MAHA bill).

PE, Extracurricular and Screen Time Mandates: [HF 2676](#) MAHA bill is on the Senate Calendar. Seeing consistent intentions to remove mandates in Senator's email replies. Waiting for the amendment.

Student Behavior: [SF 2428](#) (with oversight committee) and [HF 2538](#) (with committee input into local policy but retained Principal decision-making following the policy) on each other's calendars.

U.S. Government Requirements: started by doubling the government requirements for graduation. Amended to add Civics and U.S. Government to 7th and 8th Grade. Over-the-top social studies standards from the House failed to advance in the Senate. [HF 2244](#) is attached to [SF 2413](#). House delays the mandate until July 1, 2028.

Charter Schools: [SF 2406](#) Governor's Charters ([HF 2699](#) Companion) and [SF 2425](#) Charter Omnibus ([HF 2713](#) Companion) are still in various stages of appropriations committee consideration.

RSAI 2026 Updates and Legislative Priorities: you can always see RSAI Weekly Updates, Videos and Calls to Action, as well as the list of priorities with corresponding position papers on [RSAI's website](#).

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!