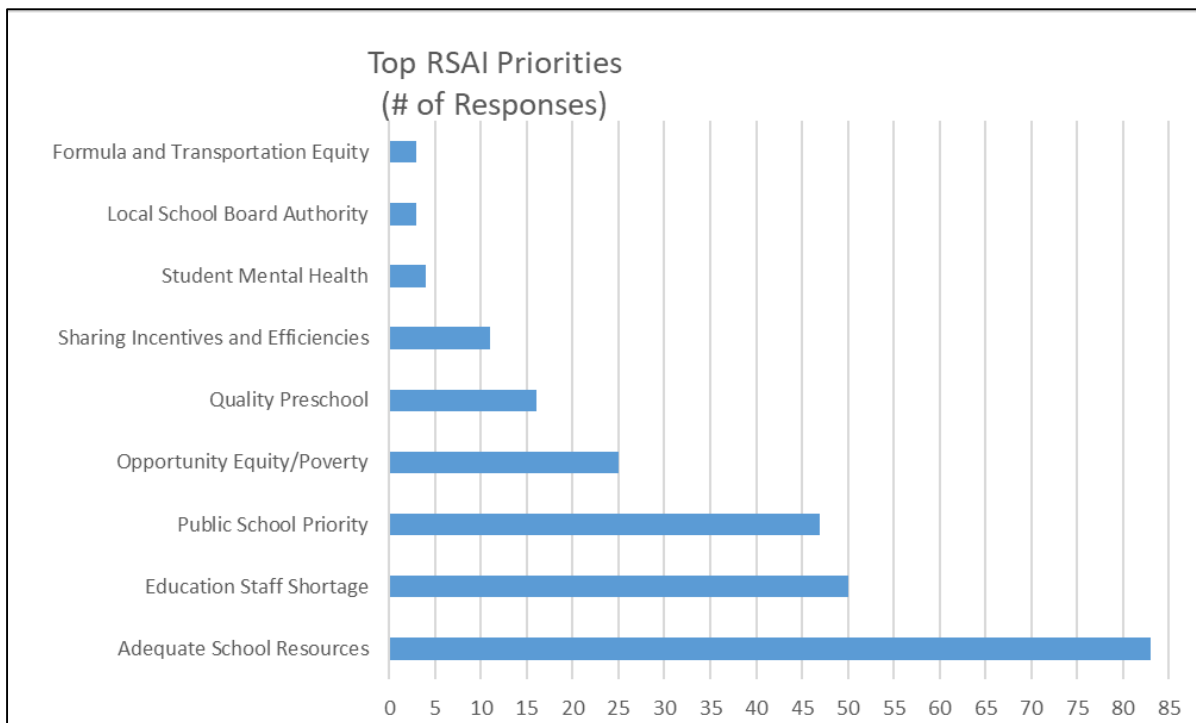


RSAI Annual Meeting: Thanks so much to everyone who attended the RSAI Annual Meeting on October 25th in Ankeny. We had the most attendance ever and an evening of positive conversations around rural schools and communities. In addition to conducting the annual business meeting (and having a great dinner), participants set the 2023 legislative priorities for RSAI. Final language will be posted on the RSAI website and circulated soon, along with talking points and advocacy tools to support members during this upcoming legislative session. Below are the results of a prioritization exercise where attendees were asked to prioritize spending among the various RSAI priorities. Participants each had six one-dollar stickers and were instructed to place 3 on their top priority, 2 on their second and 1 on their third (although it was OK to put all of the money on just one or two priorities, too). Here are the results:



RSAI Annual Meeting Keynote Address: Benjamin S. Winchester, Extension Educator, Evaluation & Rural Sociology, from the Extension Center for Community Vitality at the University of Minnesota, delivered our keynote address via Zoom. Winchester discussed a different way of thinking about changes to rural communities in a positive light, to help dispel the myth of exaggerated rural decline. A recording of his presentation is available at the link below and well worth taking 30 minutes to hear. We encourage you to share with your board members and other advocates at your district. In Ben's presentation, he also mentioned a video linked here for quick reference. [This Is Iowa Real Estate Stunt in NYC](https://youtu.be/xL73JpWh918),

[View the Ben Winchester Presentation Recording \(https://youtu.be/xL73JpWh918\)](https://youtu.be/xL73JpWh918)

RSAI Booth at the IASB Convention: Be sure to stop by the RSAI Booth at the tradeshow during the IASB Convention on November 16th and 17th in Des Moines. RSAI is Booth #411, right next to the ISFIS Booth.

Thanks for all you do for your students and communities!