

## RSAI news to share at AEA Superintendents Meetings May 2022

**Legislative Session is still going:** SF 2369 School Choice is still in the House Appropriation Committee and the budget is yet to be passed. The March 31 School Choice call to action is still relevant if you have a chance to talk to legislators, encouraging them to hold firm against vouchers. Hopefully they'll finish up soon.

**Legislative Priority Input Survey to Follow Regional Meetings:** After gathering priority recommendation from each of the four RSAI regions at meetings in April and May, staff will prepare an issue and advocacy supports survey to go out to each RSAI members district. The survey results, along with the recommendations from the Regional Meetings, will be used at the Annual Meeting on Oct. 25, to create the Legislative Platform for the 2023 Legislative Session. As your school boards are discussing their priority issues, please email results of any of those discussions to [margaret@iowaschoolfinance.com](mailto:margaret@iowaschoolfinance.com).

**RSAI Legislative Digest:** After the Governor completes her action of signing or vetoing legislation from the 2022 Session, RSAI staff will compile the annual Legislative Digest. This is a great tool for sharing information with your board, for having discussions with legislative candidates during the Interim and before the election, and for finding out what policy, process or funding changes will impact your district. The 2022 Legislative Digest will be emailed out to RSAI members and posted on the RSAI Legislative page later this summer.

**Teacher and Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship Grant:** Cherokee CSD submitted the grant as fiduciary on behalf of 30 RSAI member districts. We should hear in the month of May if we are awarded the grant. We have a list of the registered apprenticeship program standards for both tracks (high school student to paraeducator and paraeducator to teacher) and are happy to share those with anyone. If we have the flexibility to redirect any savings to additional participants from RSAI member districts, we intend to do that. Stay tuned for more information later this summer.

**NREA (National Rural Education Association) annual conference**, this coming October 20-21 in Green Bay Wisconsin. RSAI will email links for registration in May. Be watching your inbox. It's a great conference which celebrates the value of rural schools, shares innovative ideas, and helps you network with school leaders in other states who may have different ideas in solving similar problems. Since it's in our neighboring state of Wisconsin, this might be a great year for you to check it out.

**Raising Rural: A Fair Chance for a Good Life, which will explore creative and cooperative action around three strands: community, agency, and creativity.**



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NFARE 2022 Updates:

1. Research Proposals are currently in the review process. More information in May.
2. Regular proposals are screened and presenters have been sent a confirmation email. Be sure to check spam or junk folders.
3. We received 400 proposals this year. We will be reaching out to presenters planning our new feature the pre-conference special invite session. Check your emails for requests.
4. Registration information will be out in May.

**RESOURCES:** Check out the RSAI website for Position Papers, weekly updates and other advocacy supports. Contact Dave Daughton or Margaret Buckton with any requests for assistance or specific advocacy responses to your legislators. See [www.rsai.org](http://www.rsai.org) for contact information and advocacy supports. Thanks for all you do for the students of your districts!