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## February 2013

- 13 **Niehaus v. Huppenthal** – 9:30 a.m., 1501 W. Washington, Phoenix
- 13 & 14 **ARN Lobby Days** – State Capitol/ASBA office (Rural and Tribal)
- 24 **ARN Lobby Days** – State Capitol/ASBA office
  
- 18 **Presidents' Day** – ASBA office closed
- 20 **Impact Aid Summit** – ASBA office

## March 2013

- 1 **Spring Legal Seminar** – Tucson
- 4 **ARN Lobby Days** – State Capitol/ASBA office
- 8 **Spring Legal Seminar** – Flagstaff
- 18 **ARN Lobby Days** – State Capitol/ASBA office

### Registration now open online for ASBA's Spring Legal Seminars

Don't miss the 9th Annual ASBA Spring Legal Seminars! Similar to the ASBA Law Conference, these one-day events contain topics/presentations on issues most important to school leaders in the critical spring decision-making period. This year we have included a comprehensive Legislative and Legal Update, and sessions on School Safety and the Law, The Latest of Principal and Teacher Evaluation Reform, School Board Micromanagement: What It Is and What It Is Not, and other critical topics. The program is identical at both locations, so choose the date and location best for you:

- Spring Legal Seminar – Tucson: Friday, March 1 [Register](#)
- Spring Legal Seminar – Flagstaff: Friday, March 8 [Register](#)

### Legislative updates – call in for the latest information

This year's legislative session will be a major one for education and school board members need to be prepared for new funding mandates and issues that could affect your district. You can hear the latest news, insider information and analysis from ASBA's Governmental Relations team by calling in weekly for legislative updates. Join us Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 4:00 p.m. for our first regular legislative update call! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining either by computer or phone. Click on the link: [Legislative Updates.](#)

### Arizona Relations Network (ARN) lobby days for 2013

Join with other members of the Arizona School Boards Association to share in an amazing day of civic participation and advocacy for our students. We have scheduled trainings, food, committee hearings and one-on-one meetings with legislators. Choose the date that's best for you:

- Wed., Feb. 13, 4-5 p.m. and Thurs., Feb. 14, 8:00 a.m. - noon (rural and tribal)
- Mon., Feb. 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Mon., March 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Mon., March 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information and to sign up: [ARN Lobby Days.](#)

### **FRN delegates meet with legislators in Washington, D.C.**

NSBA's Federal Relations Network conference, *School Boards: A Powerful, Unified Voice on Capitol Hill*, culminated with delegates from all over the country meeting with their state legislators to discuss education issues and critical financing concerns. ASBA's Arizona delegates attended and met with our delegates to add their voices. [View](#) a photo album of ASBA's experience at FRN.

### **ASBA to welcome two new staff members this month**

ASBA is proud to announce Karen Loftus as our new director of leadership development. She will begin her duties on Feb. 27. Karen, who is currently serving Goodwill Industries of Southern California as their director of organizational development and training, brings expertise in facilitation, training, leadership and organizational development, team building and e-learning. Prior to joining Goodwill in 2011, she was the vice president of human resources with a large insurance company, and had a successful career with two human relations consulting companies. Karen has a Masters in Business Administration from the Keller Graduate School and has served as a faculty member for them. She is excited to begin her new opportunity with ASBA.

In addition, ASBA welcomes Nick Buzan, who will join us as an analyst in the Policy Services department. Nick comes to us from the Gila County Attorney's Office (he was commuting from Chandler to Globe daily). Nick is a 2010 graduate of the University of Arizona College of Law, a member of the State Bar of Arizona and holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Secondary Education from Northern Arizona University. Nick was a teacher in Blue Ridge USD for 2 years before going to law school.)

### **NSBA annual conference advance registration deadline March 22**

This year's conference, themed *Stretch your minds. Strengthen your schools*, is slated for April 13-15 in San Diego and features NSBA's "national university of boardsmanship" where school board/superintendent teams come together to learn about the innovations in public education, best practices from school boards nationally, and the most significant issues facing America's public schools. More than 200 sessions will be offered focusing on student achievement and accountability, innovations in district operations and management, technology and learning, as well as governance and executive leadership. Register today at [www.nsba.org/conference](http://www.nsba.org/conference).

### **Public school leaders encouraged to attend Feb. 13 appeals court hearing**

The Arizona Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in the case of Niehaus v. Huppenthal on Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m. (1501 W. Washington, Phoenix). Due to the large crowd expected, the hearing has been moved to the Supreme Court courtroom. School board members and other public school leaders are encouraged to attend to demonstrate their support for the plaintiff. At issue is the constitutionality of Arizona "Education Empowerment Accounts," which divert public dollars for the private use of individuals. ASBA opposes the "empowerment accounts" and has been a leader in the legal challenge.

### **Free BoardBook webinars scheduled exclusively for Arizona school districts**

BoardBook, an electronic tool for assembling and distributing agendas and board packets, is offering free online demonstrations for your consideration:

- Wed., Feb. 6 @ 9:00 a.m. [Register](#).
- Thur., Feb. 28<sup>h</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. [Register](#).
- Tue., March 12 @ 12:00 p.m. [Register](#).
- Thur., March 28 @ 9:00 a.m. [Register](#).

### **Feb. 20 one-day Impact Aid Summit at ASBA offices**

School board and district leaders from all Arizona school districts and interested agencies are encouraged to participate and prepare for the upcoming 2013 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Spring Conference in March. Hosted by ASBA and Baboquivari USD, attendees will receive an overview of state and federal school funding and learn the current status of

Impact Aid in Arizona. Also, the positions Congress may take on the debt ceiling and impending possibility of sequestration will be covered. Training will be done by ASBA and NAFIS staff and held from 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Arizona School Board Association, 2100 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/impactaidsummit> or email Sara Mae Williams at [swilliams@busd40.org](mailto:swilliams@busd40.org).

To learn more about the Impact Aid program: [NAFIS](#).

### **Feb. 8 deadline to return ASBA's annual survey of teacher and administrator salaries**

Superintendents were sent a link via email last week to complete ASBA-AASBO 2013 Salary Survey. Once all data has been received and compiled, one copy of the final report will be sent to every school district for use as a "comparison tool" when preparing budget and salary schedules. Those districts who participate in the survey will receive an advance copy of the survey results in an electronic version sent to the email address provided in the survey. Only those districts that complete the survey will be provided the electronic version. Any questions, contact Shirley Simpson at ASBA at [ssimpson@azsba.org](mailto:ssimpson@azsba.org).

### **Be a part of the Expect More Arizona Excellence Tour Campaign**

Expect More Arizona's Excellent Tour Campaign kicked off on Jan. 21. The tour is looking for submissions from local schools and districts that represent how Arizona is working to make progress to world-class education. Three top "spotlights" will be selected in each of four regions being celebrated: Region 1 (Maricopa, Gila, & Pinal Counties); Region 2 (Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz & Pima Counties); Region 3 (Yavapai, Coconino, Navajo, and Apache Counties) and Region 4 (Mohave, La Paz and Yuma Counties). The submission with the most votes on ExpectMoreArizona.org website will receive \$1,000 for the education program/entity of their choice.

For more details and to apply, visit [ExpectMoreArizona.org](http://ExpectMoreArizona.org).

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## **ASBA Executive Searches**

### **OPENING SOON**

Superintendent, Nadaburg USD

Looking for an interim superintendent? ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at [shighlen@azsba.org](mailto:shighlen@azsba.org).

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