

## Iowa Legislation Related to Schools

- The last funnel deadline in the Iowa Legislature was on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Several negative bills on public schools are dead this year but will be back
- One bill passed allowing school districts to put chaplains in the schools

## SSA

- Key funding for education will be between a 2% and 2.25% increase
- Urge your representatives to push for 2.25%

## Vouchers

- No longer a limit on the amount of money a parent can make and still apply
- No longer a limit on the amount of tax dollars that will go to the program

## Property Tax Reform

- Still up in the air
- Will have an impact on individuals, schools and communities
- Watch carefully for the Legislature's next steps

## IPERS

- Minor bills that have passed related to IPERS
- None will have a negative effect on the fund or its solvency
- IPERS is at a 90.75% funding ratio.

## Department of Education

- President is moving forward to dismantle the US Department of Education
  - Impacts PEL grants and FASFA
  - Impacts K-12 Title I funding
- Urge your representatives to stop the destruction of the Department.

## Social Security

- Plans stated to cut 7000 staff and close 26 offices
- Cuts in federal spending and making tax cuts permanent may make it necessary to make cuts to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

## Contact US Representatives

- Express your opinions by email or phone
- Using an app called [5 Calls](#) is an easy way to get info and connect with Reps