January 2013
25  B.O.L.T.S. Workshop – Phoenix
27-29  NSBA Federal Relations Network – Washington, D.C.

February 2013
1  B.O.L.T.S. Workshop – Flagstaff
18  Presidents’ Day – ASBA office closed

March 2013
1  Spring Legal Seminar – Tucson
8  Spring Legal Seminar – Flagstaff

Last chance to register for B.O.L.T.S.
There are only two opportunities left to attend ASBA’s Board Operations and Leadership Training (B.O.L.T.S.) workshop. Registration fee of $110 includes continental breakfast and lunch and conference materials which will be sent electronically one week prior to the event for download and self-printing. Attendees may also choose to receive printed materials for an additional $15 fee. This must be indicated at the time of registration. For more information and to register at the location closest to you:

- B.O.L.T.S. – Workshop (Flagstaff) Feb. 1: [Agenda & Registration](#)

Make sure you mark your calendars for the Spring Legal Seminars!
On Friday, March 1, in Tucson (Westward Look Hotel) and Friday, March 8 in Flagstaff (High Country Conference Center), we will present the 9th Annual ASBA Spring Legal Seminars. These one-day events are similar to the ASBA Law Conference in content and contain topics/presentations on issues designed to be helpful to school leaders in the critical spring decision-making period. The program is identical at each location, so you can choose the date/location most convenient for you. This year’s sessions will include: a comprehensive Legislative and Legal Update, 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 several other critical topics. Register now at [http://www.azsba.org/](http://www.azsba.org/).

Arizona Relations Network (ARN) lobby days for 2013
Make your voice heard! Come and join other members of the Arizona School Boards Association for an amazing day of civic participation and advocacy for student needs plus trainings, food, committee hearings and one-on-one meetings with legislators. Choose the date that’s best for you:

- Weds., Feb. 13, 4-5 p.m. & Thurs. Feb. 14, 8 a.m. -12 p.m. (rural and tribal)
- Mon., Feb. 24, 10-5 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 4, 10-5 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 18, 10-5 p.m.

For more information and to sign up: [ARN Lobby Days](#).
ASBA, AASBO encourage participation in annual survey of teacher and administrator salaries
A link will be emailed this week to school districts statewide with a request to complete the annual ASBA-AASBO survey of teacher and administrator salaries and benefits. The results of the survey may be used by districts as a comparative tool when preparing budget and salary schedules. The more districts that participate in the survey, the more valuable the results will be. Only one survey per district should be submitted. Every Arizona district will receive a printed copy of the final report, and those 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. If you have questions about the salary survey, please contact Shirley Simpson at ASBA at ssimpson@azsba.org.

ASBA, AASBO to host webinar on governor's FY14 budget proposal
On Thursday, Jan. 31 from 1:30-3 p.m., John Arnold, director of the Governor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting, will present information about the FY 2014 proposed budget. Details will include information about budget proposals for Common Core implementation, performance funding, school safety and capital funding. Be informed on these and other state budget topics. You do not want to miss this webinar. Reserve your seat now at https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/619628256.

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.m (1501 W. Washington, Phoenix). 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.

Arizona K-12 Business Education Partnership Symposium set for Jan. 31
Keynote speakers Kathy Havens Payne, senior director of education leadership from State Farm Insurance Corporation and the Honorable John Huppenthal, state superintendent of public instruction, will be featured at a one-day symposium on Thursday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. Designed for business professionals and owners, civic leaders interested in K-12 education, school superintendents and principals, school board members, district and school volunteer coordinators and public relations professionals, PTA/PTO leaders and foundation leaders, among others, this one-day symposium will include sessions on business-education partnerships focused on supporting Arizona’s Common Core Standards. Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available. For more information and to register: www.azbec.org.

ASBA and Baboquivari USD to host one-day Impact Aid Summit
Impact Aid is the federal assistance program created to provide compensation to those school districts that have lost property tax revenue support due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property (such as military installations or tribal lands). This one-day summit is open to school board and district leaders from all Arizona school districts and interested agencies to help prepare for the upcoming 2013 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Spring Conference in March. Attendees will receive an overview of state and federal school funding, learn the current status of Impact Aid in Arizona, and learn the positions Congress may take on the debt ceiling and impending possibility of sequestration. 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/impactaidssummit or email Sara Mae Williams at swilliams@busd40.org. To learn more about the Impact Aid program: NAFIS.

Take action next week: Talk about public school choice in your community
During National School Choice Week (Jan. 27 – Feb. 2), ASBA encourages you to let your community know that public schools continue to be the top choice of Arizona families. ASBA’s “Talking about Public School Choice” online toolkit provides ideas and resources for:

- Spotlighting the many choices students and families have within your district.
- Thanking parents for choosing your schools.
- And creating opportunities for testimonials and unleashing school pride.

Click here to access the toolkit.

**ASBA Federal Relations Network delegates heading to Washington, D.C.**

Spearheading NSBA’s theme of *School Boards: A Powerful, Unified Voice on Capitol Hill*, over 20 Federal Relations Network delegates from all over Arizona will be in Washington, D.C., Jan. 27-29, to meet with legislators and discuss educational issues of concern in our state. This year’s conference is particularly critical as the recent fiscal cliff light proposal addressed taxing and unemployment benefits but left the issue of spending cuts and sequestration to be dealt with in two months’ time. This could lead to serious financial impact to districts if a solution isn’t found. Follow the activities of the Arizona delegation on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/ASBAFans) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/azsba).

**Jan. 25 deadline–don’t forget to return your 2013 ASBA membership information form**

The 2013 ASBA membership information form was mailed to our district members last week. Please update all information, fill in completely, and return to the ASBA offices by the Jan. 25, 2013, deadline.

**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.

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**ASBA Executive Searches**

**NOW OPEN**

- **Superintendent/Principal, Pine-Strawberry ESD** - Closes January 28, 2013
- **Superintendent, Fort Thomas USD** - Closes January 28, 2013

**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.

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