

Veronica Waterman Stalker
IASB Interim Executive Director
Bio/Resume

Dr. Veronica Stalker has been selected as interim executive director of the Iowa Association of School Boards. She will lead the organization from May 1 to Dec. 31, 2010.

Before taking this position, Stalker was the co-director of the Waukee Schools Department of Community Education, a position she has held since 2008 when she began to research, develop and implement the new department. Prior to that, she served as interim superintendent of Ankeny Schools, during a period when confidence and trust in the district was low. She brought diverse groups together to redefine the values and core mission of the district, rebuilt trust and a sense of pride in the school district, resulting in the passage of the largest bond issue ever voted in Iowa.

From 2005 to 2007, Stalker taught principal and superintendent preparation classes as a clinical professor for Iowa State University and coordinated the educational administration program area. She spent 11 years, from 1994 to 2005, as superintendent of Waukee Schools, which more than tripled in size during that time. She was associate superintendent of Urbandale Schools from 1990 to 1994, was an elementary principal in Ankeny Schools from 1987 to 1990, an elementary principal in Clarke Schools from 1981 to 1987 and was an elementary teacher there from 1976 to 1981.

Stalker has a comprehensive understanding of Iowa's education system. She has served as president of the School Administrators of Iowa, has been chairperson of the AEA 11 Superintendents Organization, served on the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners, and served on the board of the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust for IASB. Stalker holds a PhD in educational administration from Iowa State University, a master's degree in educational administration from Drake University and two bachelor's degrees – one in elementary education from Graceland College and one in home economics from Iowa State University.