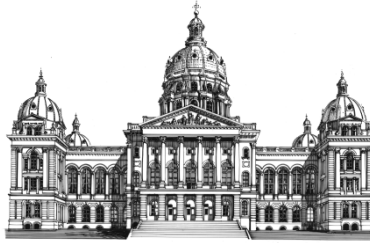


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Secretary Pate,

It has come to my attention there is city and school election information on your website that is locked and not accessible to voters, candidates or the general public.

The inaccessible and nonpublic information includes school board and city council vacancy information, city/school election calendars, redistricting and reprecincting information and election planning work sheets. The tab to a directory or page of county auditors is also locked from public view and requires a user name and password.

I do not understand why information that may be of use to voters and especially to those Iowans that may be looking to run for their local city or school board – would be locked and not available to the public. In the interest of Iowa taxpayers who expect transparency and accountability from elected officials, I am requesting answers to these questions:

1. Why deny voters and potential candidates that may be looking to run for their local city or school board a list of vacancies on their local school and city boards?
2. Why is a username and password required to access a directory or page for county auditors?
3. How does one qualify for access to this information?
4. If your office is relying on a federal or state law to block public access to this information, what specific law are you citing?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Bisignano'.

Tony Bisignano
Ranking Member, Senate State Government Committee