

Policy BI: SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Status: DRAFT

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EXPLANATION

These revisions were requested by a member of the school board.

The board, as an agent of the state, must operate within the bounds of state and federal law affecting public education. If the board is to meet its inherent responsibility to the residents and students of the community, it must work vigorously for the passage of new laws designed to advance the cause of good schools and for the repeal or modification of existing laws that impede this cause. To this end, the board will act accordingly as follows:

- Seek both direct and indirect representation of its position on pending legislation with appropriate state and federal legislators and legislative committees.
- Be knowledgeable of the annual legislative program of the Missouri and National School Boards' Associations.
- Work for the achievement of legislative objectives through the Missouri and National School Boards' Associations and with other concerned groups.

Only the superintendent, deputy superintendent, or superintendent's designee are empowered to communicate with legislators on the district's behalf. All other employees will direct requests for official statements about the district's legislative priorities and official position to the district's spokespersons in accordance with policy KB.

Nothing in this condition prohibits any district employee, acting in an individual capacity, from discussing any portion of the legislative program with any public official.

The superintendent and/or deputy superintendent will notify the board of any official communication that they engage in with legislators regarding the district's legislative program.