

SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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Purpose: To establish and clarify the advocacy role of the board.

The board, as an agent of the state, must operate within the bounds of state and federal laws affecting public education. If the board is to meet its responsibilities to the residents and students of this 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.

Therefore, the superintendent will keep the board members informed of pending legislation and actively communicate board positions and concerns to elected representatives at both the state and national level.

In addition, the board may work with its legislative representatives (both state and federal), with the South Carolina School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association and other concerned groups in developing an annual as well as long-range legislative program.

Board members may participate in the SCSBA Delegate Assembly, the SCSBA Board Legislative Contact Program and the Federal Relations Network as deemed appropriate by the board.

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