



2023 - 2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Sun Prairie Board of Education will engage with our legislators on these matters in 2023 - 2024:

- 1). Provide predictable increases in available, spendable school district revenues to at least match inflationary increases in school costs, including Cost of Living Increases to salaries of district employees. (WASB Priority)
- 2). Fully fund Special Education categorical aid at 100% using a sum sufficient appropriation.
- 3). Support continuing and increasing funding for categorical aid for school-based mental health services.
- 4). Support legislation involving state supplementation of federal funds to make school meals (breakfast and lunch) free for all families without expense to the school district.
- 5). Support initiatives to fund full-day 4K, early childhood education, and before/after school programs.
- 6). Implementation of Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations. In particular, address the cost of providing appropriate education to low-income and English learner pupils. (The Commission recommended weighting such pupils as 1.2 FTE in the general school aids.)

- 7). Protect and support local decision-making by elected school board members in their districts including opposing unfunded mandates on school districts.
- 8). Advocate for the payment of state aid, especially equalized aid, to school districts evenly throughout the 12 months of the year so that districts do not have to short-term borrow and incur interest payments that negatively affect their budgets.
- 9). Advocate with and support district positions on legislation that affects our students and staff.
- 10). Use resolutions, Board equity statement, District mission, vision, and values to advocate for or against bills for consideration by the legislature.
- 11). Advocate for public money to stay in public school districts.
- 12). Challenge the foundational inequities in our system and support legislation that ensures that children feel safe and welcomed in our schools.