

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Legislative Representative

A Legislative Representative shall serve as the Board's liaison with the Washington State School Directors' Association Legislative Assembly. The legislative representative will be elected from among the Board members at the first meeting after an election or the first meeting of the calendar year of a non-election year and will serve for a period of one year. The Legislative Representative will represent the Board at the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Assemblies, conveying local views and concerns to that body and participating in the formulation of state legislative programs.

The Legislative Representative will:

- A. Support the Board's engagement and participation in WSSDA's annual legislative program, including:
 1. Reviewing WSSDA legislative proposals with the Board prior to WSSDA's annual General Assembly to gather a Board majority on supporting proposals. The Legislative Representative will only make votes that are supported by a majority of Board members (i.e. three voting members). If there is not a Board majority, the Legislative Representative will abstain from voting, At no time will the Legislative Representative make personal votes.
 2. When appropriate, obtaining the Board's support for a legislative proposal to be submitted to the WSSDA General Assembly and supporting the proposal at the assembly; and
 3. Representing the Board at state legislative meetings (e.g. General Assembly, the Olympia Legislative Conference, and other regional meetings and workshops).
- B. Stay apprised of and initiate communications regarding state and federal education policy and legislative issues/developments by providing legislative updates periodically at Board meetings during the legislative session; sharing information from WSSDA's legislative updates; and, contacting legislators at appropriate times regarding legislative issues.
- C. Establish and/or maintain contacts with local legislators, community education stakeholder groups, and local media to explain or clarify WSSDA positions on legislative issues.

The Legislative Representative shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

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