



# Board of Education Column

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## Governmental Affairs Committee Update

The Governmental Affairs Committee for the 2023-2024 term has completed its work plan for the year. After monitoring interim activity and collaborating with District Counsel, the committee has drafted three legislative resolutions.

These proposals will be submitted to the Board for consideration in July. They are designed to guide the next Governmental Affairs Committee during the 2025 regular legislative session and will serve as foundational principles for future additions.

The first resolution, "Advocacy for All Students," asserts the Board of Education's unwavering support for the prohibition of discrimination against all individuals. It also emphasizes the importance of representing diverse perspectives in school curricula, striving for educational justice for all students, and maintaining a safe learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, and bullying.

The second resolution, "Public Dollars for Public Education," expresses the belief that public funds should be dedicated to public schools. It advocates for taxpayer control and transparency at the local level and insists that any entity using public funds must be held to the same accountability standards.

Lastly, the resolution titled "Honesty in Education" reaffirms the Board's commitment to creating an inclusive and culturally responsive educational environment. It emphasizes teaching District curricula and North Dakota state academic standards in a historically accurate manner, covering the entirety of the country's history and present reality. Furthermore, it supports the right of students to receive an inclusive education that encourages critical thinking and the development of their own perspectives on current events.

