



## **2024 - 2025 BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**The Sun Prairie Board of Education will engage with our legislators on these matters in 2024 - 2025:**

- 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). Advocate for the release of the state monies to support districts in the implementation of Act 20. Also, advocate for more money in the state budget to support this implementation.
- 5). 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.
- 6). Support initiatives to fund full-day 4K, early childhood education, and before/after school programs.
- 7). Support increases in reimbursement for Dual Language Immersion programs.

8). 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.)

9). Protect and support local decision-making by elected school board members in their districts including opposing unfunded mandates on school districts.

10). 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.

10). Advocate with and support district positions on legislation that affects our students and staff.

11). Use resolutions, Board equity statement, District mission, vision, and values to advocate for or against bills for consideration by the legislature.

12). Advocate for public money to stay in public school districts.

13). Challenge the foundational inequities in our system and support legislation that ensures that children feel safe and welcomed in our schools.