



Monroe County School Boards Association

Membership Services 2026

MCSBA Mission

The Monroe County School Boards Association (MCSBA) is a member-driven organization providing support to public school leaders as they strive to provide an equitable education for all students.

The MCSBA serves its members through:

- Commitment to improving local school board governance;
- Promoting state and federal advocacy positions on behalf of our member districts;
- Delivering a broad range of leadership development services and training for local school board members and staff;
- Encouraging collaboration with community-based organizations, elected officials and other state and local educational entities in areas of common interest.

Service Objectives

MCSBA functions as a representative body working with its member districts in the following ways:

- Gathers data, researches and analyzes issues;
- Develops positions on major issues;
- Allocates resources according to set priorities;
- Accomplishes many of its objectives through the efforts of committees that represent all member districts;
- Provides pertinent professional development and informational programs for all members.

MCSBA promotes legislative positions developed by representatives of all member districts:

- Encourages active involvement of all members during the Legislative Committee's development of the positions;
- Acts promptly on legislative issues and develops effective political action efforts regarding important bills;
- Contacts county, state, and federal legislators on a regular basis;
- Encourages individual members to actively participate in legislative activities.

MCSBA maintains frequent contact with our local Regents, the Board of Regents, and the State Education Department:

- Researches issues and provides data on topics being considered by the Regents;
- Meets with local Regents to discuss common interests.

MCSBA provides opportunities for members to exchange information and develop their board skills:

- Conducts annual seminars for school board candidates and newly elected board members;
- Explores issues of common interest through its Information Exchange Committee meetings;
- Provides information upon request to individual members.

MCSBA provides information, data and a forum for member boards on labor relations and negotiations:

- Explores current issues through its Labor Relations Committee.

MCSBA develops coalitions and working relationships with persons and groups working to achieve the same objectives:

- Serves as a proactive voice for public education;
- Promotes public education through the print and broadcast media;

- Encourages members to participate in education-related activities.

MCSBA committees set the direction for how the organization functions:

- Executive Committee – Board Presidents and Superintendents meet four times a year to govern MCSBA and approve its operating budget.
- Steering Committee – Officers, committee chairs, and others selected by the Association President advise staff on programming and oversee all financial matters. The Communication Outreach Advisory Committee is overseen by the Steering committee and provides talking points to members on emerging or critical issues before the membership.
- Nominating Committee – Members appointed by the Association President serve to prepare a slate of officer candidates for the membership’s consideration at the annual meeting.
- Budget Committee – Members appointed by the Association President review budget proposals and make recommendations to the Steering and Executive committees.
- Standing committees provide professional development and advocacy opportunities to members.
 - Information Exchange – One representative and one alternate from each district discuss current issues selected by members. All MCSBA members are invited to attend these meetings.
 - Labor Relations – One representative and one alternate from each district develop positions on labor issues, share information and discuss matters. All MCSBA members are invited to attend.
 - Legislative – One representative and one alternate from each district develop position papers, contact lawmakers, sponsor meetings with legislators, and participate in fall and spring trips to Albany. All MCSBA members are invited to attend.
- Board Leadership – The Association President will convene board leadership meetings at least four times a year that include member Board presidents and vice presidents to discuss current issues.

Services provided to the MCSBA membership include:

- ✓ Programs on current issues sponsored by its standing committees
- ✓ SED required training for new school board members on board roles and fiscal oversight
- ✓ Legislative positions, briefings and talking points
- ✓ Board retreats and workshops
- ✓ Meetings with state and federal legislators and local members of the NYS Board of Regents
- ✓ Fall and spring half-day law conferences
- ✓ Annual Legislative Breakfast and fall/spring advocacy trips to Albany
- ✓ District Clerk professional development seminars
- ✓ MCSBA website and other publications

Services provided to the community:

- ✓ Facts & Figures booklet published yearly
- ✓ Annual seminar for prospective school board members
- ✓ Distribution of legislative positions to appropriate governmental leaders and the media
- ✓ Web site – www.mcsba.org
- ✓ Collection of data used in processing/printing school property tax bills for school districts in and around Monroe County