

## **SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

The board, as an agent of the State, must operate within the bounds of state and federal laws affecting public education. If the board is to meet its responsibilities to the residents and students of this community, it must work vigorously for the passage of new laws designed to advance the cause of good schools and for the repeal or modification of existing laws that impede this cause. To this end:

- A. The board will keep itself informed of pending legislation and actively communicate its concerns and make its position known to elected representatives at both the state and national level.
- B. The board will work with its legislative representatives, both state and federal, with the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, the National School Boards Association and other concerned groups in developing an annual, as well as long-range, legislative program.
- C. The board will annually designate a person, who may or may not be a member of the board, to serve as its legislative representative. This person will be authorized to speak on the board's behalf with respect to legislation being considered by the South Dakota legislature or the United States Congress or their respective committees. In all dealings with individual elected representatives, the legislature or Congress, the board's representative will be guided by the official positions taken by the board.

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