

Purpose

To recognize the Board's position pertaining to state and/or federal legislation affecting public education

Definitions

N/A

Policy Statement

The Board of Education, 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 public education 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 officials at both the state and national level.
- b. The Board will work with its legislative representatives (both state and federal), with the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE), with the National School Boards Association, and other concerned groups in developing an annual and long-range legislative program.
- c. The Board will annually designate a member 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 state legislature or the United States Congress or their respective committees. In all dealings with elected representatives, the Board's representative will be guided by the official positions taken by the Board.

Legal Reference			
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