

## **SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To ensure Board involvement with legislation to improve public education.

### **II. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all board members.

### **III. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board will work for the passage of new laws designed to advance the cause of improving education and for the repeal or modification of existing laws and the defeat of proposed laws that impede this cause. To accomplish this:

1. The Board shall stay informed of pending legislation and actively communicate its concerns and make its position known to the elected representatives at both the state and national level;
2. The Board shall work with other school boards in the state, parents and parent groups, local citizen groups, and other local officials in acquainting them with the board's legislative priorities and seek their support;
3. The Board shall annually select one (1) of its members to serve as its representative to the Tennessee Legislative Network (TLN) and one (1) of its members to serve as its representative to the Federal Relations Network (FRN); and
4. The Board shall work with its TLN and FRN representatives, with TSBA, NSBA, and other concerned groups in developing an annual legislative program.

#### **IV. RESPONSIBILITY**

A. The board chair is responsible for selecting representatives to serve on the Tennessee Legislative Network.

B. Board members are responsible for keeping abreast of legislative issues which affect the children of Shelby County Schools.

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Legal References:

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Cross References:

1. 0001 School Board Legal Status and Authority