Legislative Involvement

I. Purpose

This policy defines the school district's advocacy role in state and national legislation related to education.

II. General Statement of Policy

Edina Public Schools recognizes the importance of district involvement in shaping educational policy, funding, programs, and laws at the state and national level. The school board and district administration are involved at the state and national level, especially with federal and state elected officials representing Edina Public Schools.

III. Legislative Action

A. The school district will develop legislative initiatives to pursue. These initiatives will align with the district's vision, mission, values, and core beliefs, and prioritizes the needs of the district, the metropolitan region, and the state.

B. Once the school board adopts its legislative initiatives, board members and employees may publicly speak on behalf of those initiatives in compliance with Policy 107 – Public Relations and School Communications.

C. The district will be a member of educational organizations that promote and lobby for educational priorities that align with the district's mission. The district will have active representation in these organizations.

D. As needed, the district may work with stakeholders, including employees, parents, and community members, to serve in an advisory and/or advocacy capacity with respect to legislative issues. Issues for which such a group would be organized will directly relate to the district's mission. Coordination of legislative advisory or advocacy groups will be the responsibility of the superintendent or designee.

E. For issues not adopted as legislative initiatives, a board member or district employee may use ~~his or her~~ their title while speaking in support of issues that adhere to and promote the district's vision, mission, values, and core beliefs as long as the employee or ~~school~~ board member makes it clear that their position does not represent the district's legislative position or the collective ~~school~~ board.

Legal References

None

Cross References

Policy 107 Public Relations and School Communications

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