

## **Browning Public Schools**

### **Policy #1135**

Policy Name: *School Board Advocacy*

Regulation:

The Board of Trustees believes it has a responsibility to the students, parents, and community to advocate for student achievement and quality education. In order to meet these responsibilities, the District will 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.

Trustees must keep themselves and community members informed of pending legislation and actively communicate board positions and concerns to elected representatives at both the state and national level. The Board must work with legislative representatives (both state and federal), the Montana School Boards Association, **national advocacy groups aligned with Montana school districts' interest in advocating for excellence in public education through school board leadership**, and other concerned groups and organizations in developing an annual as well as long-range legislative program.

Each Trustee is encouraged to participate in the MTSBA Delegate Assembly, the MTSBA Board Legislative Contact Program and the caucuses. The District also encourages the board and each trustee to be aware of the importance of building a relationship with the community and local legislators, to be used to increase student success.

In doing so, the Trustees will:

- a. Review MTSBA legislative correspondence;
  - b. Respond to MTSBA legislative calls to action;
  - c. Participate in Day of Advocacy during each legislative session;
  - d. Attend other state and regional association meetings as approved by the Board; and
  - e. Advise MTSBA of the Board's views regarding MTSBA's legislative positions and activities.
1. At least once each month in accordance with Policy 1420, the Board meeting agenda will include an opportunity for the trustees to discuss educational issues pending on the state and federal levels.
  2. Work with the MTSBA, **national advocacy groups aligned with Montana school districts' interest in advocating for excellence in public education through school board leadership**, and other concerned groups and organizations on matters of mutual interest.

### **Policy History:**

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