

To: The Board

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Topic: 3/1/11 Board discussion on D97 and legislation

### **Discussion Assumption**

The Board is committed to establishing a standing committee that allows the District 97 community to be informed and proactive about legislation.

### **Survey Result Assumptions**

- The survey results indicated a need for further Board level discussion before another charge could be drafted.
- The Board and Administration should focus on a wide range of issues as opposed to a targeted approach.
- The Board and Administration should primarily be focused on local legislator votes.
- The lack of consensus indicates that the discussion about whether to address non-state (federal/county) issues be deferred to the committee once it is up and running.

### **Board Discussion Questions**

- Is there consensus on our assumptions?
- Should the committee initiate legislative proposals versus reviewing existing proposals from EdRed, IASB, Advance Illinois, etc. to make recommendations to the Board or some combination?
- How much autonomy will the committee have in determining, assessing, and prioritizing issues?
- How do the realities of the legislative process and a volunteer committee impact its ability to be effective?
- How will the Board measure the success of the committee?

### **Board Discussion Outcomes**

- Does the Board want to recommend other committee discussion questions
- Is there Board consensus sufficient to draft a committee charge?
- Does the Board have broad recommendations on size, composition, and structure?

### **Some Committee Discussion Questions**

- What are the most efficient and effective ways to influence our local legislators?
- How does the committee determine, assess, and prioritize issues?
- What are the most efficient and effective ways to increase local public awareness of key issues?