

Advocacy

Representing the collective resolve of the state's locally elected boards of education

Advocacy Happens Throughout the Year

GSBA's official positions on legislative and regulatory matters are adopted annually by the association's Delegate Assembly, which occurs in June. Although GSBA's specific stance on education issues may change over time, the association remains dedicated to the preservation of local control of public education. The association is dedicated to keeping a presence in all legislative matters that involve the education of children at all levels in the process throughout the year. To be most effective, GSBA believes that our members must be well informed of the issues. To keep our members and others interested in public education informed of legislative issues affecting public education, GSBA has developed Capitol Watch Online. From this site, you can read daily reports of action under Georgia's "Gold Dome" while the Georgia General Assembly is in session and find out about certain bills and pieces of legislation. The association also provides numerous opportunities for engagement in the process through advocacy workshops, statewide forums on legislative issues, participation in the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network (FRN) and more.

Advocacy Events Hosted by GSBA

- Fall InForums - sessions are presented in the evenings across the state; legislative and state board updates are provided
- Advocacy Workshop (not for training credit) - an annual workshop open to all school board members and superintendents to discuss legislative and legal issues
- School Law Seminar (for training credit) - an annual workshop offered prior to the GSBA/GSSA Annual Conference in Atlanta where legal issues and the upcoming legislative session are discussed
- Legislative Site Visits - school board members and superintendents are invited to the Capitol to discuss legislation and meet with legislators. The schedule for 2011 can be found on the GSBA website.
- District Meetings - GSBA meets with members in their GSBA District to share information on legal, policy and/or legislative issues
- Policy Workshop (for training credit) - an annual workshop offered prior to the GSBA Summer Conference and Delegate Assembly where policy issues arising from the legislative session are presented
- Delegate Assembly - GSBA's annual meeting where delegates from each member board vote on changes to the association's legislative positions and elect officers

Federal Relations Network (FRN) - an event hosted by the National School Boards Association in January. School board associations across the U.S. invite board members to attend this session where federal issues are discussed and meetings with members of congress and the senate.

Capitol Watch Online

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- Legislative Daily Reports - During the busy political season, GSBA's Director of Policy and Legislative Service brings you all the latest information on what's going on at the Georgia Capitol.
- State Boards Reports - Each month, GSBA provides reports on state board meetings and committee meetings.



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