

Part II

- Opportunities for Board Member, Professional Learning, and Engagement
 - National School Boards Association
 - Noah Webster Educational Foundation

National School Boards Association (NSBA)

The Leading Advocate for Public Education

Vision and Mission

NSBA's Vision

- Each school board ensures that each student can reach their full potential through quality and equitable educational opportunities.

NSBA's Mission

- To equip school board members with resources to advocate for each student in each community, in partnership with our members.

NSBA

- Founded in 1940, the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) purpose is to ensure each student everywhere has access to excellent and equitable public education governed by high-performing school board leaders and supported by the community.]
- Members are spread across the United States, the Virgin Islands, and Canada, *NSBA is the only national organization representing school boards*. Along with its member state associations and member public school districts representing locally elected school board officials, the organization serves millions of public school students.
- NSBA believes that public education is a civil right necessary to the dignity and freedom of the American people and that each child, regardless of their ability, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, identity, or citizenship, deserves equitable access to an education that maximizes their individual potential.
- A non-partisan association, NSBA leads through working with members, affiliates, and stakeholders to advocate for high-quality public education and school board governance with the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

Background Cont'd.

- NSBA regularly works with the administration and Congress on the common challenges facing ALL school board members, whether they reside in our largest cities or our most remote rural areas. Included among these challenges:
 - Providing support for historically disadvantaged students.
 - Increasing broadband access and closing the homework gap.
 - Ensuring that each classroom is staffed with a highly qualified teacher.
 - Providing support for students with disabilities and mental health needs.
 - Addressing learning recovery as a result of inequities already existing, but exacerbated by the pandemic.
- NSBA also represents its members' interests before federal and state courts and has participated as amicus curiae in numerous cases addressing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the importance of diversity in public schools, and other legal issues affecting public schools.

NSBA Affiliations

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- Center for Public Education (CPE)
 - Conference of State Association Legislative Staff (CSALS)
 - Council of School Attorneys (COSA)
 - Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE)
 - National American Indian and Alaska Native Council of School Board Members (AIAN)
 - National Black Council of School Board Members (NBC)
 - National Hispanic Council of School Board Members (NHC), and the
 - National School Boards Action Center (NSBAC).
 - NSBA allows ALL school districts — including those in nonmember states — to attend NSBA convenings and participate in NSBA programs such as
 - Annual Conference, Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE),
 - National Connection,
 - Equity Councils,
 - Council of School Attorneys (COSA).
 - Additionally, school board members from districts in member state associations that are in good standing with their state association are eligible for discounted rates for NSBA events; recognition through NSBA individual, district, and state awards; and appearances and presentations at NSBA events.

Federal Legislative Initiatives: Ensuring Equity and Excellence in Public Education

The National School Boards Association (NSBA), working with and through our state associations to represent more than 90,000 local school board members, advocates for equity and excellence in public education through school board governance.

To this end, NSBA believes the following legislative issues must be addressed in order for local districts to maximize educational opportunities that are available for every student to reach their greatest learning potential. In addition to the specific legislative issues outlined below, NSBA believes Congress must continue its oversight of the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to ensure state and local flexibility in K-12 education. As states and districts work to implement the law, Congress must recognize the critical role of local school boards to lead the local district planning process and set policy and programs to best meet student learning needs.

2024 Legislative Priorities

- Authorizing and Funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Prioritizing Student Mental Health
- Supporting Increased Funding for Staffing Needs
- Support Increased Funding for Expanded Broadband Access

Other Organization Requested by Board Two Members



The Noah Webster Education Foundation

Vision

To reclaim education and culture through foundational principles and sound policy.

Mission

To educate and collaborate with individuals and organizations to tell the story of America's education and culture, identify foundational principles that improve them, and advance practice and policy to change them.

All Groups Claim that they are non –partisan

- However, this group has the endorsement of a familiar Governor; and
- Is listed as one of the 100 Advisory Groups of Project 2025
- Contributions are requested, other funding sources are not readily available on the website.
- Click links below for more information:
 - Noah Webster Foundation Message (youtube.com)
 - project2025.org/about/advisory-board/

Government Priorities: Breaking the Gov't Monopoly on Education

- The government's one –size-fits-all approach doesn't always provide the best education opportunities for its citizens.
 - How do I find my State's Homeschool Requirements?
 - Transparency in the classroom.
 - What do school boards do anyway?
 - Ways you can change your state's education laws.
 - Understanding America's educational roots.

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Three Group Comparison

Organization	Member School Boards/ Membership Fee	Vision/ Mission/ Goals	Affiliations/ Partnerships/ Endorsements	Legislative Priorities	Member Benefits
Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA)	Fees paid by VSBA from VSBA Dues (Cost per individual Board Unknown) 25 Member States	Similar	Nine or more Partnerships with Companies/Webinars/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 Mental Health support • Public Education • Increased funding for Public Ed • Broadband Access • Child Nutrition • IDEA 	Collaboration, networking, etc.; training and Ed services; Federal Advocacy and Support; COSSBA Weekly Report & Newsletter ; alignment with VSBA Positions.
National School Boards Association (NSBA)	\$5,800.00 Non State Membership \$5335 State Membership	Similar	Over 20 National and International Educational & Research Entities/Bookstore/ Podcasts/Webinars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDEA • Broadband Access • Mental Health • Increased pay for Education Professionals 	National and International Partnerships with educators; Federal Advocacy that imparts legislative outcomes: Legislative alliances on the federal, state and local levels, and consistent and reliable research publications.
Noah Webster Educational Foundation		Dissimilar	Project 2025 Contributor/Endorsed by Gov. Glen Youngkin Pro-choice Lack of support for traditional Public Schools	Dissimilar	“the group wants to tell the story of America’s education and culture , identify foundational principles that improve it , and advance practice and policy to change it.”

Judith Brooks-Buck, PhD, Suffolk Public School Board, Member

