

## Corvallis School District

### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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#### School Board Advocacy

The Board of Trustees of Corvallis School District 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 may 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 are encouraged to 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 may work with legislative representatives (both state and federal), with the Montana School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, and other concerned groups in developing an annual as well as long-range legislative program.

Trustees are encouraged to participate in the MTSBA Delegate Assembly, the MTSBA Board Legislative Contact Program and the caucuses. Board members are encouraged to be aware of the importance of building a relationship with the community, to be used to increase student success.

In doing so, the Board may:

1. At its annual organizational meeting appoint a member as its Board Legislative Contact (BLC) to the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA). This person may:
  - a. Serve as the Board's liaison to MTSBA;
  - b. Attend the Day of Advocacy during each legislative session;
  - c. Attend other state and regional association meetings as approved by the Board; and
  - d. Advise MTSBA of the Board's views regarding MTSBA's legislative positions and activities.
2. At least once each month, the Board meeting agenda may include an opportunity for the BLC to report on educational issues pending on the state and federal levels.
3. Work with the BLC, MTSBA, the National School Boards Association (NSBA), and other concerned groups and organizations on matters of mutual interest.

#### Policy History:

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