

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The School Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of inservice education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The School Board shall plan specific inservice activities designed to assist School Board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policy-making body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the continued welfare of the local schools; and to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

School Board members will participate annually in high-quality professional development activities at the local, state or national levels on governance, including, but not limited to personnel, policies and practices; curriculum and instruction; use of data in planning and decision making; and current issues in education.

Funds shall be budgeted annually to support this program. Individual School Board members shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket costs incurred through participation in approved activities. The School Board as a whole shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities. The public shall be kept informed about the School Board's continuing inservice education and about the program's anticipated short- and long-range benefits to the schools.

The School Board regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate for implementing this policy:

1. Participation in School Board conferences, workshops, and conventions held by the state and the National School Boards Association, State Department of Education, colleges and universities, teleconferences, joint training opportunities, and business/industry training.
2. Division-sponsored training sessions for School Board members.
3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of School Board members.
4. Developmental activities planned by the School Board.

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