

1 School Board Advocacy

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3 The Board of Trustees of Jefferson High School District believes it has a responsibility to the
4 students, parents, and community to advocate for student achievement and quality education.
5 In order to meet these responsibilities, the District may work for the passage of new laws
6 designed to advance the cause of good schools and for the repeal or modification of existing
7 laws that impede this cause.

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9 Trustees, should keep themselves and community members informed of pending legislation
10 and actively communicate board positions and concerns to elected representatives at both the
11 state and national level. The Board should work with legislative representatives (both state
12 and federal), with the Montana School Boards Association, the National School Boards
13 Association, and other concerned groups in developing an annual as well as long-range
14 legislative program.

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16 Each Trustee is encouraged to participate in the MTSBA Delegate Assembly and the MTSBA
17 Board Legislative Contact Program and the caucuses. We also encourage each board and
18 trustee to be aware of the importance of building a relationship with the community, to be used
19 to increase student success.

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21 In doing so, the Trustees will:

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23 1. Review MTSBA legislative correspondence;
24 2. Respond to MTSBA legislative calls to action;
25 3. Participate in the Day of Advocacy during each legislative session;
26 4. Attend other state and regional association meetings as approved by the Board;
27 5. Advise MTSBA of the Board's views regarding MTSBA's legislative positions and
28 activities;
29 6. At least once each month in accordance with Policy 1420, the Board meeting agenda
30 will include an opportunity for the trustees to discuss educational issues pending on the
31 state and federal levels; and
32 7. Work with the MTSBA, the National School Boards Association (NSBA), and other
33 concerned groups and organizations on matters of mutual interest.

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35 Policy History:

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38 Revised on: January 2016

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42 Timeline index entry: Regular board meeting every May