



# Four County School Boards Association

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES POLICY

In our efforts to accomplish our mission and goals the Association provides the following programs, resources, and services along with numerous **opportunities to “network”** with other school board members and **collaboration** with local, state, and federal school boards associations – (Always ranked as an important benefit of membership) for its members:

- **Meeting Opportunities**
  - **Speakers** on topics of current interest – drawing on local, state, and national experts, usually for just the cost of dinner
  - **Professional Development** workshops for skill and knowledge building
  - Opportunities for districts to **share successful programs** and showcase student groups, etc.
  - Coordinate opportunities for **Board Clerks** to connect to regional resources
- **Legislative Advocacy Efforts**
  - Annual State and Federal **Legislative Position Papers** – highlights issues of concern of area BOE’s
  - Coordination and support of participation in **New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Capital Conference** and **State Advocacy** efforts
  - Coordination and support of participation in **National School Boards Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute** and **Federal Advocacy** efforts
  - Coordination of other **legislative activity** as appropriate including meetings with legislators, flow of information, calls to action and **alerts, and preparation of additional positions not included in Position Papers**
  - Coordination of conversations with local legislators when needed
- **Coordination and relationship building**
  - **New York State Board of Regents** and the **New York State Education Department (NYSED)**
  - **Rural Schools Association of New York State (RSA)**
  - **Council of Local School Boards Association (COLSBA)** provides opportunities to discuss common concerns, share programming ideas, and participate in training with staff and leadership from other local school boards associations
  - **NYSSBA**, Assistance with preparation for Annual Business Meeting through organization and sponsorship of **Area 2 Proposed Resolutions Discussion**
- **Training**
  - Annual **Seminar for Prospective School Board Members** – open to all area residents at no cost for attendance
  - Provide approved **Mandated New School Board Member Orientation & Fiscal Training**
  - **Testimony** at public hearings representing the positions of member boards when needed
  - Email messages with **information** about “hot” topics when needed
  - Listserv capability to facilitate **communication among members**
- **Publications**
  - Publication of annual **Facts & Figures Book** – data and description of member districts
  - Publication of **Membership Directory** – to facilitate connections between members

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