



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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