

Bylaws of the Board

School Board Legislative Program

The Orange Board of Education, as an agent of the state, must operate within the bounds of the State and Federal law affecting public education. If the Orange Board is to meet its responsibilities to the residents and students of the community, it must 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. To this end:

The Orange Board will keep itself informed of pending legislation and actively communicate its concerns and make its position known to elected representatives at both the State and National level.

The Orange Board will work with its State and Federal legislative representatives, with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, the National School Boards Association, and other concerned groups in developing an annual, as well as long-range, legislative program. The Board will make its position known to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education and to appropriate legislators. This cooperation is necessary because the Orange Board recognizes the importance of sound and constructive State legislation in establishing the frame work and support for public education.

The Orange Board will annually designate a legislative representative to serve as its liaison with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Government Relations Committee and/or Delegate Assembly. This person will be authorized to speak on the Board's behalf with respect to legislation being considered at the state or national level. In all dealings with individual elected representatives, the legislature, or Congress, the Board's representative will be guided by the official positions taken by the Board. The legislative representative will also monitor proposed school legislation and inform the Orange Board of the issues.

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