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The Wauwatosa School Board operates within the bounds of state and federal laws that affect public education. To meet its responsibilities to the residents and students of the community, the School Board shall be kept informed of pending legislation and shall actively communicate its concerns and make its positions known to elected representatives at both the state and federal level.

By advocating for the passage of laws that advance the cause of student learning and achievement, of adequate school funding and efficient and effective school operations, the School Board shall work with its legislative representatives (both state and federal) in developing an active and non partisan legislative advocacy program. The School Board will also consider and act on state and federal legislative issues at its regular meetings while actively communicating with state and federal legislators.

The Superintendent of Schools, the Board President, or designee shall regularly communicate information on Wauwatosa School District goals and needs to state and federal legislators and other government officials.

#### **Legislative Advocacy Committee**

Two School Board members and three community members shall be appointed annually by the School Board President to inform and represent the School Board on matters of local, state and national concern. The Legislative Advocacy Committee shall also receive direction from the School Board on pending legislative matters at a School Board meeting.

#### **Purpose**

A foundational function of School Board members is to advocate for public education and the students and employees of the Wauwatosa School District. It is the responsibility of the Legislative Advocacy Committee to develop position statements and guide the School Board and community on how to positively advocate for public education on behalf of the Wauwatosa School District.

Legislative Advocacy Committee responsibilities:

1. Track and stay informed of current state and national policy that will have an impact on Wauwatosa School District operations and governance.
2. Provide timely updates to the School Board and community on specific legislative issues that may impact the Wauwatosa School District.
3. Provide recommendations to the School Board on legislative issues that will require School Board approval.
4. Represent the School Board in actively advocating for the Wauwatosa School District contingent upon School Board approval.
5. Committee members may only advocate and/or represent the School Board on issues that have been approved, or voted on, by the School Board.
6. Organize an annual meeting between the School Board and elected state and federal representatives for the purpose of interactive two-way communication.
7. The term for Legislative Advocacy Committee service is one year, from May through April.
8. The Legislative Advocacy Committee will create and publish an annual calendar of meeting dates.