RAISE YOUR VOICE!

Looking for quick legislative information to help with your advocacy efforts? MASB has got you covered!

Most of the K-12 legislation that MASB’s Government Relations Team tracks fall into the following committees. Your legislator may be on one of these committees:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
- EDUCATION
- TAX POLICY
- K-12 APPROPRIATIONS

**SENATE**
- EDUCATION AND CAREER READINESS
- FINANCE
- K-12 APPROPRIATIONS

**KEY WAYS TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR**

- **PHONE CALL**
  - Phone calls are a great way to make first contact with your legislator or an office staffer.

- **VIA EMAIL**
  - Email is a safe bet to engage with legislators and allow for a more consistent connection.

- **PERSONAL LETTER**
  - Letters show a personal touch and make a lasting impression that will stand out.

- **IN-PERSON LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS**
  - Personal meetings invoke relationship-building and can make a greater impact.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA**
  - This is the best public medium for communicating publicly. Many lawmakers have at least one social media account.

- **MASB.ORG**
  - You can search for your elected officials’ info right on MASB’s eVocate portal: masb.org/evocate.

**LANSING LEGISLATIVE OFFICES**

**IN-DISTRICT OFFICES**

**General Advocacy Tips:**
- Be knowledgeable on a specific bill or issue, including the current status.
- Use your own words. Tell how legislation will impact your district.
- Select one or two persons to speak during a legislative meeting.
- Be sure to have a clear “ask” or legislative proposal to offer.
- Hold legislators accountable after asking them to take a position on a bill.
- Show appreciation for your legislator taking your thoughts into consideration and be sure to say “thank you.”

**NOTE:** ALWAYS BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, TITLE AND SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH LEGISLATORS AND DON’T FORGET TO UTILIZE LEGISLATIVE STAFF WHEN CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR!

**MASB ADVOCACY RESOURCES:**

- **MASB’s E-vocate Advocacy Portal**
  - Where you can track legislation and sign up for weekly alerts:
  - masb.org/evocate

- **MASB’s Grassroots Advocacy Program**
  - masb.org/grassroots

- **Michigan Legislature**
  - legislature.mi.gov

- **Michigan Senate**
  - senate.michigan.gov

- **Michigan House**
  - house.mi.gov

MASB’s Government Relations Team is always available! If you have any legislative or advocacy-related questions, please contact us at 517.327.5931.