



Monroe County School Boards Association

School Board Member Membership Services

The Monroe County School Boards Association (MCSBA) is a membership organization of the school board members and superintendents who lead 21 school districts and two boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in the greater Monroe County area in New York State.

The mission of the Monroe County School Boards Association is to support public school leaders as they strive to provide excellence in education for all students.

To accomplish this mission, MCSBA has adopted a number of service objectives:

- Function as a representative body
- Promote legislative positions developed by member district representatives and approved by the executive committee
- Maintain frequent contact with local, state and federal-level decision makers
- Help members exchange information and develop their board skills
- Provide professional development and information regarding labor relations and negotiations
- Develop coalitions with others seeking the same objectives

MCSBA committees set the direction for how the organization functions:

- Executive Committee – Board Presidents and Superintendents meet four times a year to govern MCSBA and approve its operating budget.
- Steering Committee – Officers, committee chairs, and others selected by the Association President advise staff on programming and oversee all financial matters. The Communication Outreach Advisory Committee is overseen by the Steering committee and provides talking points to members on emerging or critical issues before the membership.
- Nominating Committee – Members appointed by the Association President serve to prepare a slate of officer candidates for the membership’s consideration at the annual meeting.
- Budget Committee – Members appointed by the Association President review budget proposals and make recommendations to the Steering and Executive committees.
- Standing committees provide professional development and advocacy opportunities to members.
 - Information Exchange – One representative and one alternate from each district discuss current issues selected by members. All MCSBA members are invited to attend these meetings.
 - Labor Relations – One representative and one alternate from each district develop positions on labor issues, share information and discuss matters. All MCSBA members are invited to attend.
 - Legislative – One representative and one alternate from each district develop position papers, contact lawmakers, sponsor meetings with legislators, and participate in fall and spring trips to Albany. All MCSBA members are invited to attend.
- Board Leadership – The Association President will convene board leadership meetings at least four times a year that include member Board presidents and vice presidents to discuss current issues.

Services provided to the MCSBA membership include:

- ✓ Programs on current issues sponsored by its standing committees
- ✓ SED required training for new school board members on board roles and fiscal oversight
- ✓ Legislative positions, briefings and talking points
- ✓ Board retreats and workshops
- ✓ Meetings with state and federal legislators and local members of the NYS Board of Regents
- ✓ Fall and spring half-day law conferences
- ✓ Annual Legislative Breakfast and fall/spring advocacy trips to Albany
- ✓ District Clerk professional development seminars
- ✓ *News Scope* newsletter, MCSBA website and other publications

Services provided to the community:

- ✓ Facts & Figures booklet published yearly
- ✓ Annual seminar for prospective school board members
- ✓ Distribution of legislative positions to appropriate governmental leaders and the media
- ✓ Web site – www.mcsba.org
- ✓ Collection of data used in processing/printing school property tax bills for school districts in and around Monroe County