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NHSBA'S New Legislative Action Network


NHSBA is launching its new Legislative Action Network, focusing on local advocacy for education. A key function of your School Boards Association is representing local school boards interests in the political arena of government relations. But the most effective component of this advocacy is the involvement of local school board members communicating with their local representatives. The new Legislative Action Network will provide members with expanded state and federal legislative information via new publications and enhanced email and website offerings, including immediate access to legislative hearing calendars/schedules, and identification of "hot-topic" bills. The NHSBA website will also provide members the ability to "track" the status of critical legislation, as it works its way through the process.

One of the most exciting parts of this new program is the establishment and coordination of a network of our locally elected board members, who will be able to provide critical "school board perspective" information to their local legislators in a timely fashion. Anne Jacoby, former chairperson of the Londonderry School Board, has joined NHSBA as our new Coordinator of the Legislative Action Network. Anne will be contacting all local school board chairs in the near future with further information on this excit-

School board members participating in this program will receive not only Legislative Bulletins, but also Legislative Alerts calling for specific action. Board members from throughout various regions of the state may enroll by contacting NHSBA or simply using the NHSBA web site. Anne Jacoby will be coordinating and assisting in the efforts of these board members as we advocate on behalf of education.

Part of the Legislative Advocacy Network will be a Legislative Workshop being held on January 18th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at the Local Government Center in Concord. This workshop is sponsored in cooperation with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, and provides an opportunity for school board members to hear legislative leaders. Leadership from both the NH House and Senate will preview the upcoming issues for 2006; highlights include a presentation on proposed changes to the Right to Know Law which will affect all municipal and school officials. Following a light dinner, two session tracks will provide attendees with information focused on specific school or municipal issues. School board members will hear from the Honorable Stephen L'Heureux, Chairman of the House Education Committee. NHSBA staff will also be available to discuss the Legislative Action Network and answer questions.

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The logo for the New Hampshire School Boards Association (NHSBA) is located in the top right corner. It features a stylized graphic of a mountain range or hills above the acronym 'NHSBA' in a bold, serif font. Below the acronym, the text 'NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION' is written in a smaller, all-caps font. At the very bottom of the logo, it says 'Incorporated 1916'.
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Register Now!

NHSBA/LGC Joint Legislative Workshop

Wednesday, January 18, 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

at the Local Government Center in Concord.

Registration is available online at www.nhsba.org or by calling 228-2061.

Be Part of the Process:

- Schedule time on your board meeting agenda to discuss legislative issues and your concerns. Convey those concerns to the NHSBA Board of Directors Advocacy Committee, and Anne Jacoby, NHSBA legislative Action Network Coordinator.
- Appoint a board member to monitor the process and designate this person to receive regular reports from, and give feedback to, the Legislative Action Network.
- Respond to legislative alerts e-mailed to you and call your legislator when critical legislative issues need your voice during the legislative session.
- Attend the January 18, 2006 Legislative Issues Workshop, 5:00 – 8:00 at the Local Government Center in Concord.

See you there!