



# MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## FRAMEWORK for an MSBA GRASSROOTS NETWORK

### Purpose

The purpose of the MSBA Grassroots Network is to develop a widespread, active network of school board members and connect them with their legislators in an effort to have input on selected education or education-related legislation.

### Framework

- Each school board will be asked to provide MSBA with a designated contact person.
- MSBA will alert the school board designee when key legislation is being considered.
- School board designee will forward this information to all of his or her school board members and email/call legislators on behalf of the school board/school district.

*As bills progress through the legislature, MSBA informs school districts of the legislation being considered. It is important that board members contact their Representatives and Senators regarding any concerns they may have about any legislation and how it could impact their district.*

- School board designee will report responses they receive from their legislators to MSBA. (Example: Yes, they will support the legislation or no, they do not support the legislation or they need more information.)
- MSBA will hold a "Day at the Capitol" on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*MSBA will brief school board members concerning key education bills. School board members will then be asked to meet with their individual legislators and explain their position on the particular bills to increase awareness of how the legislation could impact their district.*

*School board members will wear badges identifying themselves as members of MSBA and specifying the local school board on which they serve. MSBA will introduce the board members to members of the Legislature, making particular effort to ensure that the board members visit with their own representatives and senators.*