



"LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOL GOVERNANCE"

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TO: Legislative Council Special Committee on School Safety  
FROM: Sheri Krause, Government Relations Specialist  
DATE: December 9, 2008  
RE: Draft Legislation

Thank you for considering the concerns and suggestions of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) in your deliberations. The WASB has reviewed the four bill drafts prepared for the committee's Dec. 10 meeting and would like to offer the following comments:

**WLC: 0344/1 Pupil Records**

- The WASB supports this legislation. In addition, we recommend that the Attorney General's suggestion to conform the state definition of directory data to federal law be given further consideration for possible inclusion in this legislation. The WASB staff is working with the Wisconsin School Attorneys Association to more broadly review current state statutes related to directory data and pupil records, and to prepare collaborative recommendations.

**WLC: 0348/1 School Safety Plans**

- The importance of school safety plans is well documented and the WASB has been assisting local school boards for years in the development of their plans. While it is appropriate for school districts to have greater discretion over any additional state-mandated drills, the two additional annual drills will likely cause difficulties in local school districts due to the increased disruptions to academic learning.

**LRB-0554/P1 School Policies on Bullying**

- The WASB worked with the original authors of LRB-0554/P1 earlier this session to address the association's concerns. We support this draft legislation.

**WLC: 0345/1 Revenue Limits**

- The WASB strongly supports revenue limit flexibility for school safety costs. We respectfully request the following revisions to section 121.91(4)(L)2:
  1. Maintain the authority of school boards to manage the property and affairs of their districts as prescribed by statute. School boards should collaborate with local law enforcement in the development of their school safety plans, but must maintain the authority to make expenditure decisions on behalf of their students and schools.
  2. Expand the purposes for which the allowable revenue limit authority may be used to more broadly cover school safety plan expenditures.
  3. Clearly differentiate school safety expenditure plans from school safety plans to ensure that districts do not have to submit their school safety plans to the state superintendent.