

1 **St. Regis School District**

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3 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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5 School Board Advocacy

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7 The Board of Trustees of St. Regis School District believes it has a responsibility to the students,
8 parents, and community to advocate for student achievement and quality education. In order to
9 meet these responsibilities, the District will work vigorously for the passage of new laws
10 designed to advance the cause of good schools and for the repeal or modification of existing laws
11 that impede this cause.

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13 As Trustees, we must keep ourselves informed of pending legislation and actively communicate
14 board positions and concerns to elected representatives at both the state and national level. We
15 must work with legislative representatives (both state and federal), with the Montana School
16 Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, and other concerned groups in
17 developing an annual as well as long-range legislative program.

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19 We will encourage each Trustee to participate in the MTSBA Delegate Assembly and the
20 MTSBA Board Legislative Contact Program. We also encourage each board and trustee to be
21 aware of the importance of building a relationship with the community, to be used to increase
22 student success.

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24 In doing so, the Board will:

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26 1. At its annual organizational meeting appoint a member as its Board Legislative Contact
27 (BLC) to the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA). This person will:
28 a. Serve as the Board's liaison to MTSBA;
29 b. Attend the Day of Advocacy during each legislative session;
30 c. Attend other state and regional association meetings as approved by the Board;
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32 d. Advise MTSBA of the Board's views regarding MTSBA's legislative positions
33 and activities.
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35 2. At least once each month, the Board meeting agenda will include an opportunity for the
36 BLC to report on educational issues pending on the state and federal levels.
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38 3. Work with the BLC, MTSBA, the National School Boards Association (NSBA), and
39 other concerned groups and organizations on matters of mutual interest.
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43 Policy History:

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