

GSBA Programs and Services

Ensuring excellence in the governance of local school systems by providing leadership, advocacy and services, and by representing the collective resolve of Georgia's 180 elected boards of education.

Programs and Services

Advocacy - GSBA maintains an active presence in all areas of advocacy at the state and national levels. GSBA's Capitol Watch Online keeps members and others informed on legislative and state board actions that may affect public education.

Board Development - School board members, superintendents and whole boards can count on GSBA to provide the training they need on the following topics: school finance, being board chair, charter schools, community engagement, policy, school law, student achievement, ethics and more. Training is provided at on-site workshops, retreat settings, pre-conference workshops and webinars. GSBA also has two annual conferences where board members and superintendents can network and hear from national education experts on a range of issues.

Communications - Through use of electronic, printed and face-to-face communications, GSBA is committed to effectively informing and building relationships with its members.

eBOARDsolutions - eBOARD is a web-based governance portal that boards and school systems can use to communicate about and manage meetings, policies, strategic plans, evaluations, news, documents and legal information.

Financial Services - In partnership with GSBA, the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) has two financing programs available to school boards: the Direct Lease Program and the Bricks & Mortar Program.

Parliamentary Procedure Services - GSBA staff will visit with your board and discuss effective meetings and parliamentary procedure. This service is designed to be of value to your governance team and ultimately, to your community.

Policy Services - GSBA assists local school boards and system staff in policy development through a number of services: full policy manual revisions, an update service for policy manuals revised by GSBA within the last five years, a policy maintenance service and sample policy information.

Public Engagement - GSBA offers guidance and support on effectively engaging the community in meaningful ways. Services include community conversations, focus groups and online surveys.

Risk Management Services - Membership in GSBA's Risk Management Fund and Workers' Compensation Fund provides school boards with a proven means of preserving lives, protecting facilities, minimizing disruptions and recovering from unexpected events. Innovative resources provided to members include safety training for employee groups such as bus drivers, custodians and food service staff; special webinars and training on safety and liability issues; and special knowledge of school operations that traditional insurance companies may not have.

Strategic Improvement Planning - In collaboration with the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI), GSBA provides a multifaceted strategic planning process that begins with a community engagement component. The process involves many stakeholders in the development of a plan that reaches from the central office level to the school and classroom level. The eBOARD Strategic Planning Module can assist with managing the plan.

Superintendent Search Services - Since 1987, GSBA has led over 285 superintendent searches with a process that is collaborative and effective in assisting boards in placing the best candidate at the district's helm.

GSBA Overview

Created in 1951, the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) is a voluntary, nonprofit, statewide educational association that serves and represents the 180 locally elected boards of education in Georgia. The association represents "the collective resolve" of its member boards and provides information and services to school boards that serve the 1.7 million school children in Georgia.

GSBA Governance

Local school boards govern GSBA through the association's Board of Directors, an annual Delegate Assembly, which approves legislative positions and elects officers, and a grassroots process whereby school board members assist in communicating important legislative information at the local level. The GSBA Board of Directors includes the president, vice president, president elect, past president, treasurer and a representative from each of GSBA's 14 Districts around the state.