

Public Relations, Advocacy & Legislative Committee

Meeting Agenda

Monday, 3/21/2022

1. Public Relations

- Open to updates and suggestions from committee members
- Discuss further distribution of bulletin to library and city

2. Advocacy

- PRIORITY: Advocate for free school meals at the state level, after loss of federal program: <https://bit.ly/3JJoDff>. This advocacy can engage state legislators and the school community, who will be passionate about the issue. More: <https://bit.ly/3D65u4r>
- Updates on advocacy efforts at the local and county level
- NYSSBA's 2022 Resolutions Survey: <https://bit.ly/3NbQXJk>. Board meeting discussion on some issues
- Electric Buses: Research for advocacy on funding/infrastructure
- BOE Ballots: Statement opposing party affiliations (On Board article)

3. Legislative

- One-House Budgets: Both houses accepted the Governor's funding of year two of the Foundation Aid phase-in plan, with a minimum increase of 3% guaranteed for all districts. Both houses also added to the proposal by investing in career and technical education.
- EdTPA: The Board of Regents voted to remove EdTPA from the certification process, and colleges have until September 2023 to file their new assessment process with NYSED. The move comes after years of criticism that edTPA is keeping too many people from becoming teachers, that the testing process makes it difficult for teacher education faculty to teach and assess.
- Bill S7666A: Currently no updates