

# NSBA’s New Board of Directors: Support, elevate, and unify school board members

As the nation embarks on a pivotal year for public education, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) remains steadfast in its mission to “support, elevate, and unify school board members across the country,” says 2025-26 NSBA Board President Devin Sheehan.

Together, the NSBA Board of Directors and NSBA staff “are focused on ensuring that school boards are equipped to lead in an era of great complexity,” Sheehan says. “Our work is driven by a deep belief in the power of public education and the essential role of local governance in advancing opportunity for every student.”

Top priorities for the association will focus on strengthening its national voice, deepening member support, and advancing the work of school boards through a strong advocacy agenda, he adds, noting:

- In April, the NSBA Delegate Assembly approved a powerful and unified advocacy agenda centered on the needs of students and school districts. From securing robust federal funding to expanding access to mental health supports

and addressing the educator workforce crisis, this agenda will guide NSBA efforts and ensure that school boards are represented in key policy discussions.

- We are committed to staying ahead of policy shifts in Washington, D.C. NSBA will remain vigilant in tracking emerging legislation and executive actions, ensuring our members are informed and supported.
- Unity is our strength. As school board leaders, we must present a cohesive, nonpartisan voice that reflects the core values of public education.
- We will continue working with state school boards associations to strengthen professional development, federal policy guidance, and legal resources.

“Through partnership, perseverance, and a shared vision, we will continue to uphold the promise of public education and advance our collective mission to serve every student, in every community, across the nation,” Sheehan says.

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