

# Public Relations, Advocacy & Legislative Committee

## Meeting Agenda

10/11/2022

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### 1. Public Relations & Communications

- Committee PR goals for the 22-23 school year
- BCSD communications priorities
- Committee comments & Recommendations
- [Student writers chosen for Chalkbeat](#)

### 2. Advocacy

- Committee advocacy goals for the 22-23 school year
- [LHEC Advocacy Survey Results](#)
- Incorporating info/discussion on [NYSSBA Resolutions](#) into annual BOE meetings
- BOCES informational workshop
- **Summer Program**
  - How do we advocate for ongoing funding?
  - Defining and collecting the most effective metrics for advocacy
- **Free School Meals**
  - Meal debts/payments in BCSD during 22-23 school year
  - [Saratoga Springs votes on providing free school meals in its district](#)
- **Universal Pre-K**
  - What has BCSD experienced with this program?
  - How do we effectively advocate for expansion?
- **Electric Buses**
  - Updates on board workshop
  - How do we effectively advocate for this?
  - [Due to increased demand, EPA nearly doubles related funding for clean school bus rebates to \\$965 million](#)

### 3. Legislative & Policy

- Vote to change name of school holiday, [discuss communication to community](#)
- **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act**
  - DOE grant applications for 2 programs to increase access to mental health services for students, totaling \$280 million funded in part through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA). The first of \$1 billion in funds awarded over the next 5 years.
  - Grant Program #1: [School-Based Mental Health Services](#) (SBMH), provides funding to schools to increase the number of credentialed school-based mental health professionals.
  - Grant Program #2: [Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration](#) (MHSP), support hiring more school-based mental health workers in high-need districts by boosting the mental health profession pipeline.