

Public Relations, Advocacy & Legislative Committee

Meeting Notes
2/2023

1. General Admin

- **Changed meeting from June 5 to June 20 to accommodate Commendation Ceremony taking place before the BOE meeting.**

2. Public Relations & Communications

- **Strategic Plan Promotion - BOE will get 2 versions of the strategic plan flier**

3. Advocacy

- **DCC Tuition - DCC is moving forward with charging students for dual-enrollment courses starting in Fall 2023, with proposed fee reduction for students who are on free/reduced lunch. Coordinating on next steps for advocacy at the county level.**
- **Free School Meals - Not in the Executive Budget, but the proposal is very popular with state legislators and may be part of budget negotiations. We will advocate for it during the NYSSBA Lobby Day, 2/15.**
- **P.I.L.O.T. - Advocate with Governor and local legislators: pass a law to clarify OR ask Commissioner of Tax and Finance to issue a regulation that the commercial development of tax exempt properties would be accounted for in a positive manner in the calculation of the tax levy growth factor that is used to assess the tax cap. Hochul signed legislation on 3 PILOT-related issues, but not on this one.**

4. Legislative

- **Holiday Name Review Committee - Set a plan for how to structure the meetings, with Dr. Landahl as moderator. BOE will vote on the plan and potential members will sign up via Google form.**
- **Tax Policy - In December, Governor Hochul signed new tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and first responders for up to 10% of their assessment ([S9131/A10155](#)). Board is considering whether to offer it.**
- **NYSSBA In-Person Lobby Day - BCSD Board members will advocate for several issues in meetings with state representatives, including electric buses, universal school meals, State Aid**