

# Public Relations, Advocacy & Legislative Committee

## Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 5, 8 pm

### 1. Issues & Legislation

- a. Upcoming election
  - i. Press release
  - ii. Absentee ballots
- b. State budget:
  - i. Post [advocacy opp through NYSSBA](#) (if still necessary?)
  - ii. [BOE statement on Executive Budget](#)
- c. Local Progress - COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Program through the Dept of Justice. - Does NYSSBA have a response?

### 2. Advocacy

- a. LHEC:
  - i. **Make significant resources available to support and expand mental health services** for students provided both in-person and remotely, due to the rise in trauma, social disconnection, isolation, stress and fear.
  - ii. Authorize **more funding for COVID-19** related expenses
  - iii. **Use updated school district data** to ensure that increasing student needs, changes in enrollment, recent poverty data, appropriate regional costs and special education needs are reflected. Outdated data is used in the 2007 Foundation Aid formula and does not reflect changes in Hudson Valley demographics and cost of living.
  - iv. **Establish a new MTA Region to include the LHEC counties** with the current NYC/Long Island grouping, which more accurately reflects the significantly higher costs for staffing, district operations and overall higher cost of living in our communities compared to northern counties.
- b. NYSSBA [legislative priorities](#) and [position statements](#)
- c. Discuss possible resolutions to propose?  
[https://www.nyssba.org/clientuploads/nyssba\\_pdf/gr/proposed-resolution-by-law-amendment-form-04082020.pdf](https://www.nyssba.org/clientuploads/nyssba_pdf/gr/proposed-resolution-by-law-amendment-form-04082020.pdf)
- d. Legislative call

### 3. Public Relations

- a. Updates on BCSD website - issues that have come up for users/posters?
- b. Website updates based on Comptroller audit
- c. Advocacy section
- d. Committee pages