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TIPS FOR MEETING WITH LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Teachers see firsthand how school board decisions affect classroom instruction, student achievement, and school safety. Meeting with local school board members is an opportunity to share your experience, identify unnecessary obstacles, and discuss policies that put teachers and students first.

School board members' contact information is typically available on your school district's website. If individual contact information is not listed, contact the district office.

Strategies for Meeting With School Board Members

1. Request a meeting about a specific issue.

Identify the policy you want to discuss, such as excessive administrative requirements, classroom discipline, teacher compensation, or restrictions on cellphone use.

2. Invite other teachers when appropriate.

Bringing colleagues who share your concerns demonstrates that the issue affects multiple classrooms and gives board members additional perspectives.

3. Share your classroom experience.

Explain how a specific district policy affects your ability to teach, maintain order, uphold academic standards, or keep students safe. Avoid sharing confidential student information.

4. Come prepared with a clear solution.

Ask the board to take a specific action, such as reviewing a district mandate, strengthening discipline policies, protecting earned grades, or establishing performance-based teacher bonuses.

5. Keep the conversation focused on teachers and students.

Explain how your proposed solution would improve instruction, strengthen classroom safety, or reduce unnecessary burdens on educators.

6. Ask about next steps.

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Find out whether the issue can be addressed through a board vote, a district policy review, a committee meeting, or an upcoming public comment period.

7. Follow up in writing.

Thank the board member for meeting with you, summarize your request, and share your concerns with other board members when appropriate.

Sample Issues Teachers Can Raise

- ★ Teacher compensation: Performance-based raises, bonuses, professional advancement, and practical AI training.
- ★ Administrative burdens: Unnecessary paperwork, duplicative reporting, district mandates, and coercive vaccine requirements.
- ★ Classroom freedom: Earned grades, cellphone restrictions, patriotic civics education, and protection from mandatory ideological instruction.
- ★ Union accountability: Direct teacher input, transparency around union spending, and protection from retaliation for declining union membership.
- ★ School safety: Stronger discipline policies, consequences for violent behavior, and protective measures for properly trained teachers where permitted by law.

Sample Letter to a School Board Member

Subject: Request to Discuss [Specific Issue] Affecting Teachers in [School District]

Dear [School Board Member's Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I teach [Grade Level/Subject] at [School Name]. I am writing to request a meeting about [specific policy or issue] and how it affects teachers and students in our district.

In my classroom, [briefly describe the issue and its impact]. This makes it more difficult to [explain the consequence, such as maintain classroom order, enforce academic standards, or dedicate sufficient time to instruction].

I am asking the school board to consider [specific proposed solution]. This change would help teachers [explain the benefit] and better support student learning and classroom safety.

As someone who works directly with students every day, I would appreciate the opportunity to share my experience and discuss practical solutions. Please let me know whether you are available for a brief meeting or if this issue will be addressed at an upcoming school board meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Grade Level/Subject]
[School Name]
[Email Address]
[Phone Number]