Our South Dakota public schools need many voices advocating in their favor during the **2026 legislative session**.

This session is setting up to be similar to last year's, which saw ASBSD oppose a record number of bills, and challenges to local control, school board policies, property tax collection and the possibility for school voucher programs are all possible.

We need many school board members and administrators appointed to the ASBSD <u>Legislative Action</u> <u>Network (LAN)</u>, which is designed to activate school leaders to communicate to legislators our legislative positions. Please consider appointing multiple board members and administrators to LAN.

The LAN appointment process is online and can be completed through the following steps:

- 1. Click here to access the LAN Appointment form;
- 2. Complete the form;
 - Adding multiple individuals from your district for LAN is similar to how a new paragraph is added in a document.
- 3. Click the submit button;
 - Should you need to add another board member after you've submitted, click the "Submit another response" link.

Please note, LAN members and Delegates are not the same position.



<u>LAN members</u> will periodically be contacted by ASBSD during legislative session asking them to contact their legislator(s) and advocate for or against specific legislation.

Each board member designated as a LAN member earns 25 ALL points for their local board.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Director of Communications Tyler Pickner at **tpickner@asbsd.org** or at 605-881-3791.