

SCSBA VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

As leading voices for public schools, it is more important than ever for local school boards to be actively advocating for the students, teachers and parents in their district and across our state. Due to COVID-19 safeguards, this year's SCSBA lobbying day will be done differently due to limitations for visitors at the State House and office buildings. Instead, we will use technology for school board members to advocate for the issues important to public education, and SCSBA will support and help guide your efforts.

The event will begin with an online briefing of important legislative issues of interest to you including:

- K12 funding in the proposed state budget scheduled for debate March 22 – 25;
- Education Savings Account legislation that would take away public school funding to pay for private school tuition and expenses;
- Teacher pay and retirees returning to work;
- Education accountability and more.

REGISTRATION

Online registration is now open. There is no fee to participate; however, each board member must register individually to receive Boardmanship Institute credit. Registrants will receive a link to the 2021 Virtual Advocacy Day website where they will find a link to the live Welcome and Legislative Update, as well as talking points, sample messaging, contact information for legislators and additional information to help participants have a successful day!

BOARDMANSHIP INSTITUTE

Participating school board members will receive 5 points and 2 hours of SCSBA Boardmanship Institute credit.

AGENDA

**9:00 a.m.
Welcome**

Cheryl Burgess, SCSBA
President, Lexington Three



Burgess

**9:05 – 10:15 a.m.
Legislative update and
issues briefing**

Tune in live to hear the latest on the proposed state budget and key education issues from SCSBA staff. Bring your questions or submit them in advance to rbean@scsba.org.



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Debbie Elmore, SCSBA
*Director of Governmental
Relations and Advocacy*

Scott Price, SCSBA
Executive Director



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**10:15 a.m. – Noon
Time to take action**

Now is the time to make an impact by using the advocacy tools provided by SCSBA to make contact with your legislators via telephone, text, email, Zoom, social media, etc. SCSBA will also provide a list of education-related committee meetings that may be scheduled for the day.