

Mississippi School Boards Association
2021 School Board Legislative Survey

This survey is being sent to all school board members and superintendents. Please take time at your next board meeting to complete the survey as a team and enter the results by **October 16, 2020**. This information will help MSBA direct its lobbying efforts during the 2021 Legislative Session.

Name of School District: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Please **CIRCLE** or **UNDERLINE** one of the **bold choices** in each statement. We are asking that each Board discuss this survey at a board meeting, **complete a single survey**, and return it to MSBA. We are not asking each individual board member to submit a survey.

1. Legislation that would increase school board member compensation
Support Oppose No Opinion

2. Legislation that would establish board member salary based on student enrollment
Support Oppose No Opinion

3. Legislation that would increase qualifications for individuals running for the local school board
Support Oppose No Opinion

4. Legislation that would restrict local control of school boards
Support Oppose No Opinion

5. Legislation that would provide incentives to teachers to stay in education
Support Oppose No Opinion

6. Legislation that would provide incentives to people majoring in education and/or people seeking an alternative route license
Support Oppose No Opinion

7. Legislation that would allow for a salary supplement for experienced teachers willing to relocate to F-rated school districts
Support Oppose No Opinion

8. Legislation that would allow school districts more flexibility with virtual learning during non-pandemic times
Support Oppose No Opinion

9. Legislation that would allow school employees with proper training to carry guns on a school campus
Support Oppose No Opinion

10. Legislation that would change the public education funding formula from average daily attendance to total enrollment

Support Oppose No Opinion

11. Legislation that would fully fund the public education funding formula (MAEP)

Support Oppose No Opinion

12. Legislation that would create a structured, statewide approach to quality early childhood education

Support Oppose No Opinion

13. Legislation that would eliminate the requirement of passing an end-of-course test to graduate

Support Oppose No Opinion

14. Legislation that would require all school board members to be elected

Support Oppose No Opinion

15. Legislation that would change the school board election laws so that all school board members will stand for election/reelection, appointment/reappointment in the same election

Support Oppose No Opinion

16. Legislation that would allow public funds to be diverted from public schools to nonpublic schools, home schools, or virtual schools by means of vouchers, tuition tax credits, or scholarships

Support Oppose No Opinion

17. Legislation that would allow public charter schools in districts with successful accountability ratings of A, B, or C

Support Oppose No Opinion

18. Legislation that would allow students who are attending schools rated C, D, or F to transfer to schools rated A or B

Support Oppose No Opinion

19. Legislation that would provide an income tax deduction for parents who home school or send their children to private school

Support Oppose No Opinion

20. Legislation that would create a Tax Credit Scholarship Act allowing individuals to make tax deductible donations to a qualifying scholarship organization that provides scholarships to students who attend K-12 nonpublic schools

Support Oppose No Opinion

21. What are your board's top one or two legislative concerns?

22. What are your board's top priorities for the upcoming legislative session?

23. Do you feel there is too much time spent on testing instead of teaching?