

### **How to Participate in Legislative Advocacy**

Legislative advocacy and mobilizing community support can be accomplished in variety of ways, such as:

- Personal telephone calls.
- Sending a fax.
- Writing a personal letter.
- Sending an email.
- Sending a letter on behalf of your governing board.
- Sending a copy of a resolution passed by your governing board.
- Sending a telegram.
- Sending a handwritten postcard.
- Calling in to local radio talk shows.
- Speaking on local cable television programs and radio shows.
- Writing a letter to the editor of your local daily or weekly newspaper.
- Meeting with local reporters and editors.
- Forming broad-based local coalitions that include parents, local businesses, law enforcement, seniors, taxpayers, etc., and encouraging them to contact legislators on key education issues.
- Asking friends, family and supporters to write personal letters to legislators on behalf of critical issues – every letter and telephone call counts.
- Inviting legislators to visit your schools or attend special school events. Even if they can't always attend, they will appreciate the invitation.
- Attending events sponsored by your legislator.
- Sending copies of interesting news articles, information about successful programs in your schools or noteworthy educational studies to legislators.