#### LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND PRIORITIES



NMSBA Fall Region Meetings 2016

#### **Advocacy Objectives**

- Promote the good work of public schools and school boards
- Build trust and credibility for public schools
- Counter negative information about public schools and school boards

#### **Action Now!**

- Get involved
- Find out what you're doing well
- Develop your messages
- Have your elevator speech ready
- Tell your story

#### Legislative Advocacy

- We must inform the our legislators about the good things happening in our districts
- We must develop good working relationships with our those who represent us in Santa Fe.
- We must all work together!

#### **Key Messages**

- We welcome accountability
- We have never been more focused on student achievement as we are today
- We have great students, teachers, administrators and school boards.
- We must demonstrate the effects of inadequate funding.

#### Communicate, Communicate

- Communicate at home in your district
- Communicate by phone
- Communicate by a visit
- Communicate during the legislative session

#### Utilize the School Board Legislative Advocacy Toolkit (page 21)

- School District Accountability (p.22)
- Getting Ready for the Session (p.23)
- Legislator Visits/Discussions (p.25)
- Adopt a Legislator (p.28)

## 2017 Legislative Resolutions (page 29)

- Will be considered by NMSBA Resolutions
- Three (3) Representatives from each Region
- Meeting will be held at CES Offices Wednesday,
   September 28 at 10:00 a.m.

### What are your top priorities?



# Thank You! Now let's go out and advocate for our school and our students!