



**Delaware School Boards Association**  
*Serving Delaware School Boards Since 1946*

TO: Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee Co-Chairs:  
Senator John Walsh  
Representative Stephanie Bolden

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SUBJECT: State Board of Education Review in Accordance with 29 Del. C.  
Chapter 102

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The purpose of this correspondence is to advocate on behalf of and in favor of the continuation of the Delaware State Board of Education. I apologize for not being able to attend the public hearing and speak personally, but I have a prior professional commitment.

Pursuant to 14 Delaware Code § 104 et al, the State Board of Education provides high-level advice and guidance to the Department of Education, Delaware School Districts as well as Charter Schools on a wide range of educational issues. The State Board of Education is also charged with the responsibility of reviewing decisions of the Secretary of Education, as authorized by Delaware Code, which provides an invaluable system of checks and balances. The State Board of Education is statutorily responsible to establish school district boundaries as well as address district boundary disputes and changes.

The State Board of Education assigns members to serve as representatives on the Delaware School Boards Association, Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. The State Board of Education members who serve on our Board of Directors and Legislative Committee are considered valuable contributors to our work supporting Local school boards and the districts they serve.

In summary, The State Board of Education serves an integral role in the delivery of education in Delaware, with all its members being strong advocates for children and their education. If I can be of any further service or answer any questions about the DSBA's unconditional support for the State Board of Education, please do not hesitate to contact me.