

**West Fargo Public Schools
Community Relations and Advocacy
Committee Meeting
October 29, 2020 @ 12:00 PM
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Committee Members: Jessica Jackson and Trisha Page

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Board Members: None

Media: None

1. 2021 Legislative Sessions
 - a. Collaborate with FPS and create a document that we can share with legislators.
 1. We need to decide what we would like to communicate in this document.
 - ii. Usually we do a breakfast here prior to the session and then again during crossover. Because of COVID, this process is going to have to look different.
 - iii. Coordinate weekly calls with them
 - b. Priorities
 - i. We are not anticipating that the state is going to have any new money
 1. This will be more of a policy session and not a financial session because of this.
 - ii. We will look at ways to get more money in our general fund, and protecting and expanding the per pupil funding formula
 - iii. On time funding
 1. We should consider advocating an adjustment in the timeline. Want to protect the framework because of COVID. Propose going to 80% next year and then 5% after that up to 100%.
 - iv. Medicaid allocation change
 - v. Policies
 1. Deadlines for negotiations – sometimes they stretch on for months into the next year. We would need to engage a bigger group on this.
 2. Bill to allow e-learning days to allow for more flexibility
 3. Additional pathways to high school graduation that the traditional way.
 4. Equity in education with racial and LGBTQ
 - c. We will meet again in two weeks to narrow our priorities.
2. Student School Board Representative Program
 - a. Talked about the startup, application process, and timeline of adding student representatives to the school board.