

INTRODUCING



Starting November 1, in addition to the benefits member districts receive from legal services through their membership, NDSBA Legal Counsel may now be retained to assist member school districts on a fee-for-services basis.

NDSBA is in a unique position to provide this service to our members at below-market rates through our fee-based program, NDSBA Legal Direct. NDSBA Legal Direct is meant to supplement, not supplant the services provided to our members by our Legal Affiliates.

The following fee-based legal services may be provided through NDSBA Legal Direct:

- **General legal counsel and advice:** NDSBA Legal Counsel may provide direct legal advice and counseling to our member districts on the day-to-day legal issues and situations that arise in school operations. Member districts may receive this direct assistance under an annual subscription or hourly fee arrangement.
- **Contract review:** NDSBA Legal Counsel may be retained to draft, review and/or modify contracts member districts enter into with vendors or other third-party service providers.
- **Negotiated Agreement review:** NDSBA Legal Counsel may be retained to review district Negotiated Agreements. At a member district's request staff will provide a written analysis of the Negotiated Agreement.
- **Customized policy drafting:** NDSBA Legal Counsel may assist member districts to customize school board policies and related regulations to tailor them to districts' needs.
- **Customized training:** NDSBA Legal Counsel is able to provide training and professional development to school boards and/or their staff through specially designed seminars and in-service training.

NDSBA Legal Direct expressly excludes the following services: litigation matters; non-renewal and discharge for cause hearings; matters that may be covered by insurance (NDIRF) or assigned to insurance counsel; matters where another member school district is adverse to the district requesting assistance; and matters where the member district is already represented by legal counsel on the matter.

Please contact NDSBA for more information regarding NDSBA Legal Direct.