



**NDSBA**  
NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL  
BOARDS ASSOCIATION

# BRUNCH & LEARN

December 21, 2022

# Legislative Session Preview

# Schedule

- January 3: Session Begins
- January 16/23: House/Senate Bill Deadline
- February 24: Crossover
- February 27-28: Recess
- March 1: Reconvene
- April 28: Day 80 (for now)

## Typical day:

- 8-12: Committee hearings\*
- 12-1: Lunch
- 1-2: Floor session
- 2:30-5: Committee hearings

Education is an “A” committee: It meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Senate & House).

A group of diverse people are sitting in a circle in a bright room with large windows. A semi-transparent red band is overlaid across the middle of the image. The text "2023: A NEW Session" is written in white, sans-serif font across this red band. The people in the background are smiling and looking towards each other, suggesting a collaborative and positive environment. Some individuals are holding notebooks or papers.

# 2023: A NEW Session

# New FACES

- 12 new Senators (25.5%)
- 28 new Representatives (29.7%)



# Notable NEW Faces

- Senate:
  - Dean Rummel (D-37) – Fact Finding Commission Chair
- House:
  - Jim Jonas (R-13, West Fargo) – West Fargo School Board Member
  - Steve Swiontek (R-10, Fargo) – former Fargo School Board Member



# New LEADERS

- Every single leadership position, both Senate and House, both Republican and Democrat will change in 2023 – except TWO.

# Leadership



**Mike Lefor**  
**House**  
**Majority Leader**



**David Hogue**  
**Senate Majority**  
**Leader**



**Josh Boschee**  
**House**  
**Minority Leader**



**Kathy Hogan**  
**Senate**  
**Minority Leader**





# Other Leadership Changes

## ■ Senate

- Majority Caucus Leader (Kristin Roers)
- Assistant Minority Leader (Merrill Piepkorn)
- Minority Caucus Leader (Ryan Braunberger - freshmen)
- President of the Senate (Tammy Miller)
- President Pro Tempore (Don Schaible)

## ■ House

- Assistant Majority Leader (Glenn Bosch)
- Majority Caucus Leader (Austen Schauer)
- Assistant Minority Leader (Zachary Ista)
- Minority Caucus Leader (Gretchen Dovernich)
- Speaker: Dennis Johnson



# Democrats

12 in the House

4 in the Senate

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# New COMMITTEES

- Not just new committee members, but newly arranged committee structure in the Senate



# Senate Committees

## OLD

- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Education
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Finance & Taxation
- Government & Veterans Affairs
- Human Services
- Industry, Business and Labor
- Judiciary
- Political Subdivisions
- Transportation

## NEW

- *Agriculture & Veterans Affairs*
- *Appropriations (3 Divisions)*
- Education
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Finance & Taxation
- Human Services
- *Industry and Business*
- Judiciary
- *State and Local Government*
- Transportation
- *Workforce Development*

# House Education Committee



Pat Heinert, Chair



Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Vice Chair



Liz Conmy - D



Scott Dyk - R



LaurieBeth Hager - D



Dori Hauck - R



Matt Heilman - R



Jeff Hoverson - R



Jim Jonas - R



Don Longmuir - R



Andrew Marschall - R



Eric James Murphy - R



Anna Novak - R



Kelby Timmons - R

Committee Leadership – New Chairman

# Senate Education Committee



Jay Elkin, Chair



David Rust, Vice Chair



Michelle Axtman - R



Todd Beard - R



Cole Conley - R



Randy Lemm - R



Michael A. Wobbema

**Committee Leadership – New Chairman, New-ish Vice Chairman**



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## New WEBSITE

- [ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov)
- If you are someone who likes to follow along, watch hearings and floor sessions, or testify remotely, familiarize yourself now.
- Legislators also have new emails.



# How to Participate

## Ways to participate:



Stay up to date



Contact your legislators



Attend hearings, lobby and testify



NDSBA Legislative Committee

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- NDSBA Friday Email Updates
  - *The Bulletin*
  - NDSBA website –  
[www.ndsba.org](http://www.ndsba.org)
  - State website: *ndlegis.gov*



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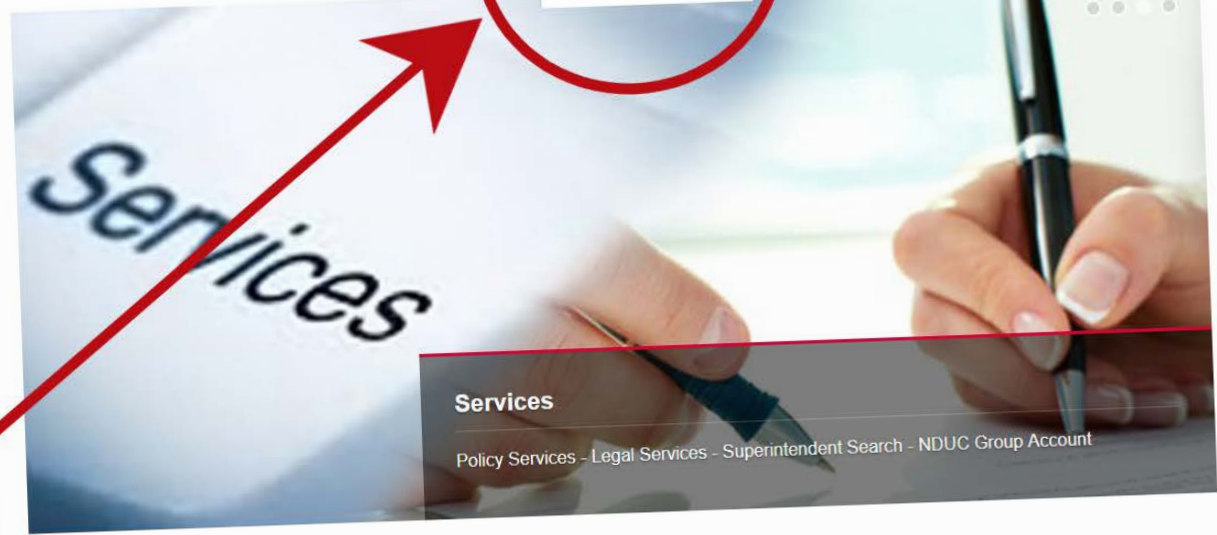
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LINKS

- BILL TRACKING
- HEARING SCHEDULE
- LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME

The North Dakota School Boards Association is a leading advocate for public education. NDSBA is governed by a board of seven local school board members elected by their peers. Staff members have many years of experience in school-related work and, by working cooperatively with school board members around the state, combine to form an effective voice for public education. NDSBA exists to serve the needs of school leaders in areas of board training, information, and

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### Legislative Calendar

#### UPCOMING

DEC 21

First Day of Winter

DEC 24

Christmas Eve

DEC 25

Christmas

DEC 26

Christmas (State Holiday Observed)

DEC 31

New Year's Eve

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#### Biennium Information

2021 Session

2021 Special Session



#### Legislative Video

View live and recorded floor sessions, standing, and interim



#### Legislative Bill Tracking System

Track bills and resolutions of interest. Receive notifications on hearings and bill status.





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Representatives

Printer Labels (Avery 5160 Label 1" X 2.63")

Legislator Merge Information Excel Spreadsheet

2023-24 (68th) (Current)

2019-20 (66th)

2017-18 (65th)

2015-16 (64th)

2013-14 (63rd)

2011-12 (62nd)

2009-10 (61st)

2007-08 (60th)

2005-06 (59th)

All Assemblies

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DEC 26 Christmas (State Holiday Observed)

DEC 31 New Year's Eve

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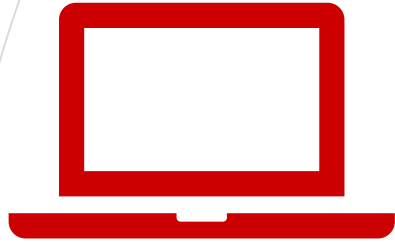
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# Contacting Legislators

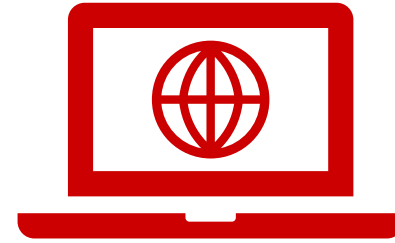
The How and When



# By Email



Your own – find emails at  
[ndlegis.gov](http://ndlegis.gov)



Through state website

## Sample Email

*Dear Representative/Senator Last Name,*

*My name is Alexis Baxley and I live in District 7. I am a school board member, and I am writing in support/opposition to SB 1234. This bill would.....*

*Thank you for your consideration,  
Alexis Baxley*

**Be clear – Be concise – Be polite**



# By Phone



**Personal Numbers**



**Legislative Message Center**  
**1-888-NDLEGIS**



## Attending hearings

- Rapid response – we will send out a notice
- On a day or bill of your choosing – watch the update, get in contact with Alexis or Amy
- Testifying – contact Alexis or Amy





# NDSBA Legislative Committee

THANK YOU!

- ▶ Karl Lembke, Chair – Bismarck/SW
- ▶ Patti Stedman – West Fargo/SE
- ▶ Lucas Greff – Mott-Regent/SW
- ▶ April Dutchuk – Killdeer/SW
- ▶ Monte Gaukler – Grand Forks/NE
- ▶ Dustin Hager – Rugby/NW
- ▶ Collette Hertz – Harvey/NW
- ▶ LeeAnn Johnston – Devils Lake/NE
- ▶ Marlana Knudson – MayPort CG/NE
- ▶ Mike Lautenschlager – Lewis & Clark/NW
- ▶ Robin Nelson – Fargo/SE
- ▶ Michelle Orton – Dickinson/SW
- ▶ Jason Rohr – Jamestown/SE



# Anticipated Issues

2023



## Bills

- K12 Funding/Property Tax Relief – Schaible
- Interim Assessment – Interim Ed Policy Committee
- Cybersecurity Curriculum - ?
- Signing Bonus - ?
- Military Board Member Qualifications – Meyer
- Campaign Finance – Hanson/Conmy

# Governor's Budget Proposal

- 4/3 Per pupil increase – 70% of new monies to teacher salaries
- Move to on-time funding immediately
- Bring all transition maximum districts onto the formula ASAP
- BND loans for CTE Academy projects
- \$250 million to PERS, support for closing the DB plan in favor of DC



Other Issues

# Questions?

- Alexis – [alexis.baxley@ndsba.org](mailto:alexis.baxley@ndsba.org)
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