

Advocates for Education External Policies

The Bylaws of Advocates for Education require the organization to “adopt External Policies which provide the basis for advocacy, lobbying and other external activities.” Since its establishment in 1994, AFE has adopted the following 14 External Policies to fulfill its mission.

Mission: Informing residents about education issues...

- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. supports efforts to educate District residents and parents/guardians of District students about important issues and developments that affect public education in Whitefish Bay.

Mission: Encouraging public participation in matters affecting our schools...

- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. believes ongoing communication with elected officials is vital to promoting high-quality public education (and) will work to facilitate such communication among citizens, elected officials and the organization.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. believes the right to vote is a privilege and responsibility of American citizenship (and) will encourage voters to consider education issues in their personal decision-making process in a given election.

Mission: Fostering a social and political climate favorable to public education...

- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. believes the cornerstone of quality education is maintaining high academic expectations and encouraging students to meet those expectations to the best of their abilities.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. believes quality education is best achieved through a partnership among students, parents, teachers, administrators, staff members, elected officials and the community.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. supports identifying and implementing means of enhancing communication, collaboration and cooperation among students, parents, teachers, administrators, and staff members as they work together to educate children in the Whitefish Bay Public Schools.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. may encourage the creation of similar groups in other communities and may communicate and share information with other individuals or groups on matters of common interest.

- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. may take action to support grant applications made by the School District of Whitefish Bay, upon approval of the (AFE) board of directors.

Mission: Advocating for public policies that promote high quality public education in Whitefish Bay...

- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. believes the best interests of current and future students of the Whitefish Bay School District should be given primary consideration in all matters regarding public education in Whitefish Bay.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. believes the physical plant of the Whitefish Bay School District is a vital link in the system of education and that the long-term maintenance of school buildings and grounds is necessary to create a setting that is safe, secure, and appropriate for the District's educational programs.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. supports the principle of local control over public education, including matters of curriculum, educational policy, instruction, standards, assessments and funding.
- In response to the requirements of state law regarding standards and assessments, Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. supports the adoption of academic standards that reflect each local community's own educational goals for its children. Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. supports identifying and advocating for assessment systems that measure students' progress towards these locally developed standards, as potential alternatives to the state mandated assessments not aligned to locally developed standards.
- Upon approval of its board of directors, Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. may support the efforts of the Whitefish Bay School Board to promote its legislative platform, as adopted from time to time, and may advocate for policy consistent with the platform's goals.
- Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay, Inc. supports identifying, and advocating for the Wisconsin legislature to implement, exceptions to Wisconsin's current blanket school funding "revenue caps" which would permit the Whitefish Bay School District to achieve its program, technology and long-range facility maintenance goals.