



# COVID-19 Weekly Update



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## Week of May 25- 29 2020

### Resources, News & Updates

We have compiled a multitude of resources for school board members, and school divisions to consult. For the entire collection please visit the VSBA COVID-19 resource page available at the link below.

In addition we have compiled a list of at-home learning resources that are available online for students who are home due to COVID-19. This list will be updated as additional resources become available. This is not an exclusive list, nor does this constitute an endorsement by VSBA for any of the included programs.

[Visit the VSBA COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

[Visit the At Home Learning Resources Page](#)

### NFHS released its Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities



#### GUIDANCE FOR OPENING UP HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)  
Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)

The COVID-19 pandemic presents state high school associations with a myriad of challenges. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) offers this document as guidance on how state associations can consider approaching the many components of "opening up" high school athletics and activities across the United States.

The NFHS SMAC believes it is essential to the physical and mental well-being of high school students across the nation to return to physical activity and athletic competition. The NFHS SMAC recognizes that it is likely that ALL students will not be able to return to – and sustain – athletic activity at the same time in all schools, regions and states. There will also likely be variation in what sports and activities are allowed to be played and field. While we would typically have reservations regarding such inequities, the NFHS SMAC endorses the idea of returning students to school-based athletics and activities in any and all situations where it can be done safely.

Since NFHS member state associations are a well-respected voice for health and safety issues, the NFHS SMAC strongly urges that these organizations engage with state and local health departments to develop policy regarding coordinated approaches for return to activity for high school, club and youth sports.

The recommendations presented in this document are intended as ideas for state associations to consider with their respective SMACs and other stakeholders in designing return-to-activity guidelines that will be in accordance with state or local restrictions. Please note that the phases of "opening up" outlined below are based upon the White House document released in April 2020. Consult your state and local health departments to review if they are using a similar approach, or how the phases in this document correspond to your state or local governments nomenclature.

#### Preliminary Questions for State Associations:

Some state associations may wish to consider the following four questions before further deliberation on this document:

1. Will your state association conduct an athletics/activities regular season or championship if public schools statewide are closed to in-person learning (apart from regularly scheduled school breaks)?
2. Will your state association conduct an athletics/activities regular season or championship if schools are closed only in COVID-19 "hotspots" in your state? (excluding participants from schools that are closed)?

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) released guidance on reopening high school athletics and activities.

For additional information and a recent post from their executive director, please visit their website.

# New Report on Schools' Policies on the Role of Sworn Law Enforcement Officers at School

The National Center for Education Statistics released a new Data Point, Policies Outlining the Role of Sworn Law Enforcement Officers in Public Schools. This report examines formal school policies that outline officers' roles and responsibilities and considers whether these policies align with the activities that officers participate in while at school.

Findings include:

- In 2017–18, some 51 percent of U.S. public schools had a sworn law enforcement officer present at school at least once a week.
- Among public schools with a sworn law enforcement officer present at school at least once a week, about two-thirds (64 percent) had a policy outlining officers' roles and responsibilities. Formal school policies most commonly covered the reporting of criminal offences to law enforcement agencies.
- Among schools with a sworn law enforcement officer present at school at least once a week, 51 percent had officers who helped maintain student discipline. However, less than half of these schools (43 percent) had a policy that included language defining the role of officers related to student discipline.

The report draws from the School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS), a nationally representative survey of public schools that collects detailed information from the schools' perspective on the incidence, frequency, seriousness, and nature of violence affecting students and school personnel, as well as on the practices and programs schools have implemented to promote school safety.

To view the full report, please visit [nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2020027](https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2020027).



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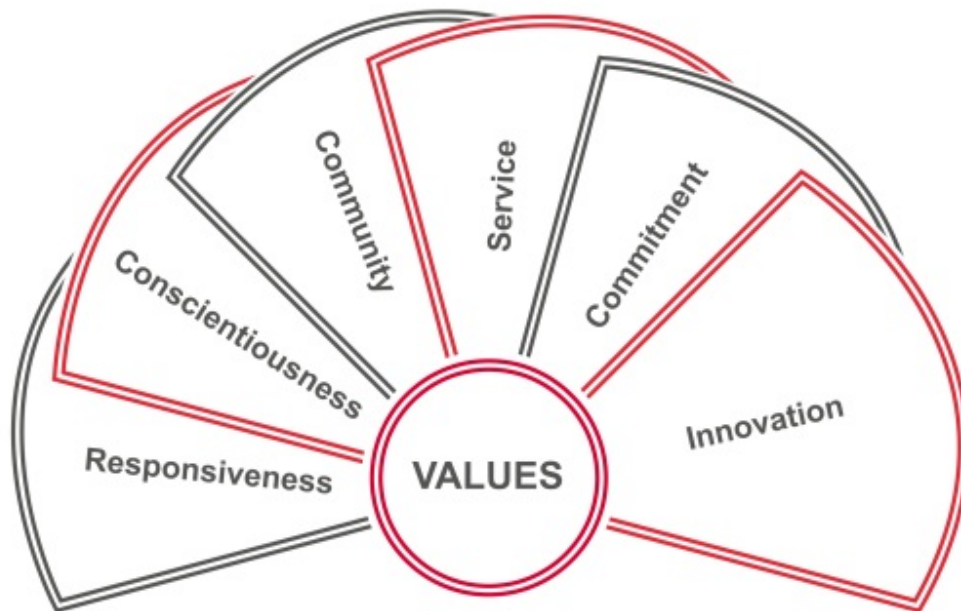
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**Thank you for following our updates.**

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## 2020- 2021 VSBA Conference Dates



We've received lots of inquiries about VSBA's schedule of upcoming conferences and events.

Here's the latest information.

[2020-2021 VSBA Events Schedule](#)

### 2020 VSBA Conference Dates

School Law Conference	June 5, 2020	Virtual
Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents	July 20, 2020	Virtual
Conference on Education Title IX Workshop	CANCELLED	CANCELLED VSBA Offices
Legislative Advocacy Conference	September 24, 2020	Virtual
Superintendent Evaluation Session	October 7, 2020	VSBA Offices
Annual Convention	November 18-20, 2020	Williamsburg Lodge

### 2021 VSBA Conference Dates

Capital Conference	January 25, 2021	Richmond
Winter Orientations	January 26, 2021	Richmond
Southwest Hot Topic Conference	March 17, 2021	Wytheville
Hot Topic Conference	April 13, 2021	Charlottesville
School Law Conference	June 4, 2021	Richmond
Summer Orientations	July 19, 2021	Richmond
Conference on Education	July 20, 2021	Richmond
Legislative Advocacy Conference	September 23, 2021	Charlottesville
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## Registration for Upcoming Events

### School Law Conference

Friday, June 5, 2020

*Virtual Event*

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HERE](#)



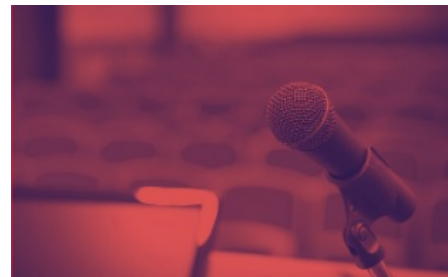
Your school division needs you, your superintendent, and your attorney to participate in the 2020 VSBA School Law Conference webinar! Why? Because many of the decisions you make have legal implications that will impact your school division for years to come. Hear school law updates from the state and local perspective as well as learn about the legal authority and your role as a school board. Attend this online session to be informed and be prepared!

### Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents

Monday, July 20, 2020

*Virtual Event*

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Becoming a new school board member or superintendent is an honor and a privilege. Enjoy a successful and less stressful transition by attending the VSBA Orientation for New Board Members & Superintendents. Many important topics will be covered, including the roles and responsibilities of board/ superintendents, how to work with your local appropriating body, school law, parliamentary procedure and school board budget basics. Don't miss this important virtual orientation which is a "must" for all new board members and superintendents!

## VSBA Events, Education & Updates

Here are the latest updates to the VSBA Schedule, and planned development.

- June 5, 2020, VSBA School Law Conference, **Now Virtual-** [register here!](#)
- June 9, 2020, Cyber Security and Telecommuting- Hot Topics with so many working from home amid the COVID-19 threat, Free Webinar- [register here!](#)
- June 10, 2020, Rethinking Redistricting: Policy- Making for more Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Schools, Free Webinar- [register here!](#)
- July 20, 2020, VSBA Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents, **Now Virtual-** [register here!](#)
- July 21, 2020, VSBA Conference on Education, **Cancelled**

Please keep an eye on our upcoming events. As we continue to consult the VDH, CDC, and WHO for guidelines on gatherings we will continue to release updates. See below for opportunities for development you can take advantage of now.

**Register for an Upcoming Live Webinar**

**Listen to the VSBA: School Board News**

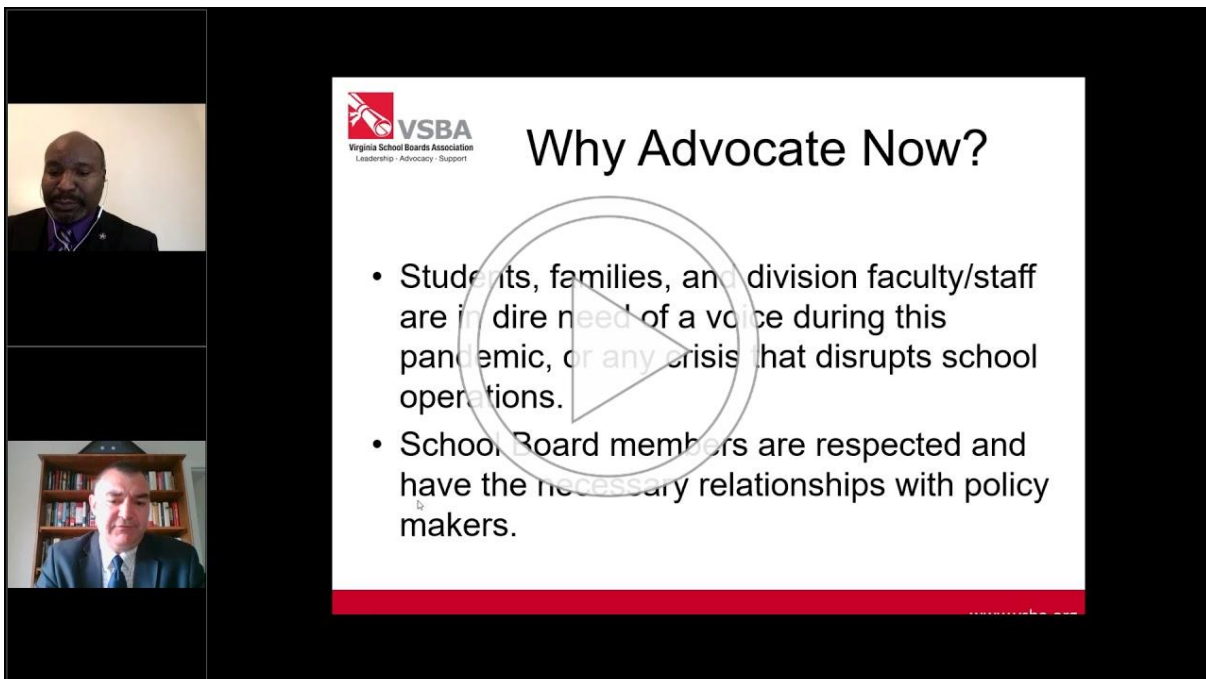
**Read the Latest VSBA Newsletter**

**View the List of Available Webinars on Demand**

**Read the Latest Federal Advocacy Report**

## May 27, 2020: Advocacy Continues in a Time of Emergency

Did you miss the live Advocacy webinar? View the recording below!



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### Why Advocate Now?

- Students, families, and division faculty/staff are in dire need of a voice during this pandemic, or any crisis that disrupts school operations.
- School Board members are respected and have the necessary relationships with policy makers.



# Webinars Available On Demand

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