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# The Pyramid of Politics

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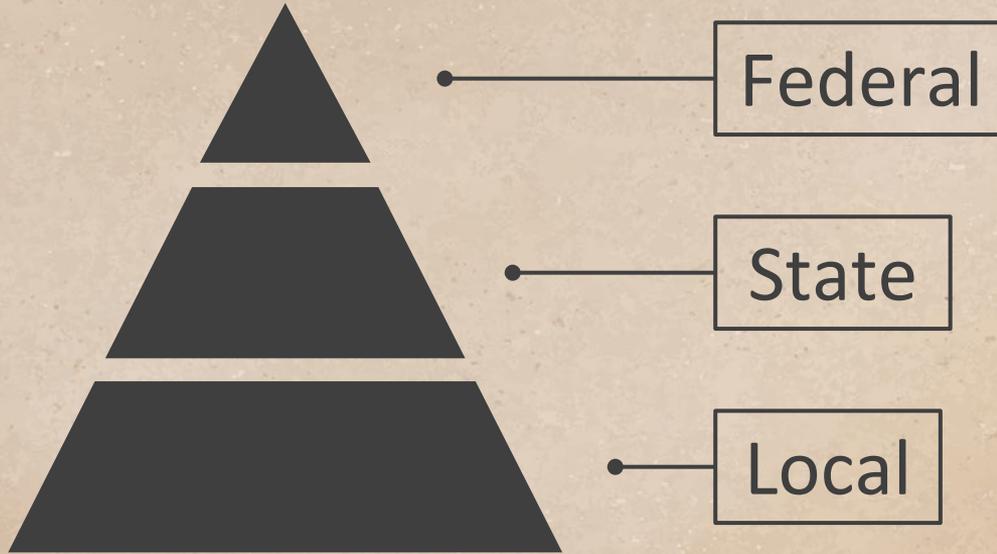
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# Visibility vs. Impact





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# Federal Level

- Kids Online Safety and Privacy Act
- Title IX
- Social Media Lawsuits



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## State Level



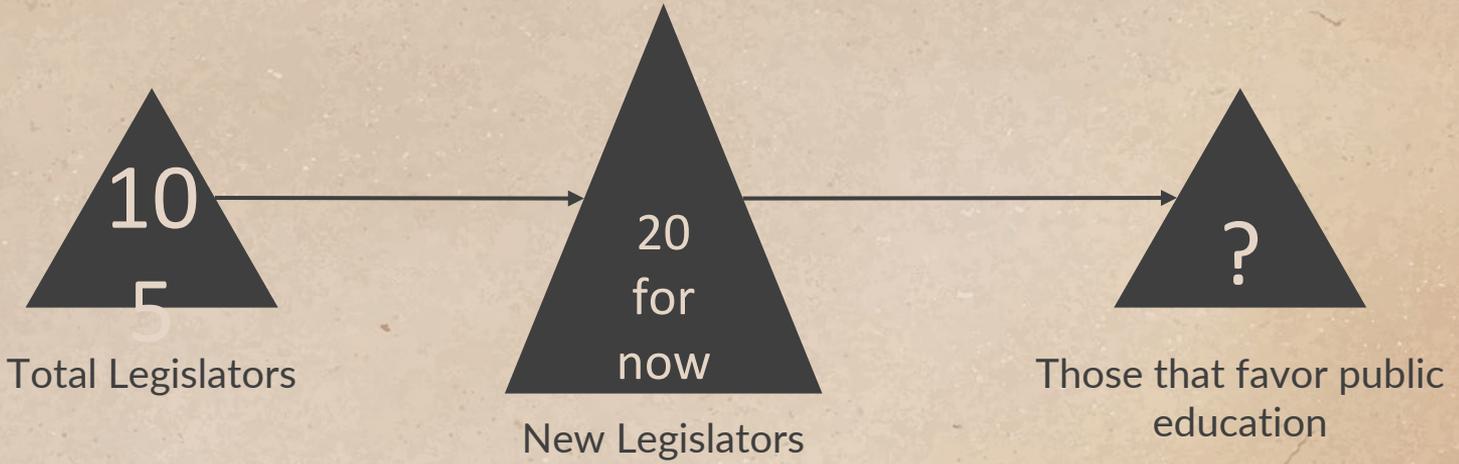
- Property Tax
- IM 28
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- Cell Phone Bans



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# The Legislature post-primary





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# Get to the Legislators now

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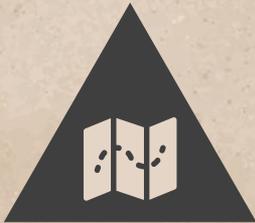
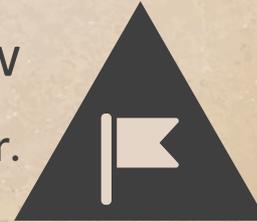


Reach out and introduce yourself

They need to know who you are before January.

Reach them now

So they'll listen to you later.



Get them in your school

Meet with them and stay in contact



# Election Dates & Open Primaries?

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Legislative push for school elections on primary day in June or general election in November

## June 2024 Primaries

- Hughes County 5%
- Lyman County 6%
- Overall 17% (27% of Republicans and 7% of Democrats/Independents)

## How are your local elections publicized??

Open Primaries on November Ballot

<https://www.sdopenprimaries.org/>





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# **Study Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Regulation of Internet Access by Minors**



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**Keep an eye on this study  
because bills will likely come out  
of it affecting schools.**





# What is Initiated Measure 28?





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# What could IM 28 cost?





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\$646,200,000

or

\$133,600,000

or...

A LOT in state revenue



“If the people vote for this, they need to know that when we come during January, we are not going to be doing increases for anything. We’re going to make significant budget cuts.”

Rep. Tony Venhuizen said  
at recent Appropriations meeting



ASBSD Board of Directors voted  
yesterday to join the coalition  
opposing IM 28.



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# Speaking of taxes...

In the legislative interim there is the Study Committee on Property Tax Assessment Methodology





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...there's legislation coming



Group of legislators & others have begun drafting “property tax relief legislation.”



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# ASBSD's Position

ASBSD opposes the reduction or repeal of property tax without a new source of revenue being implemented to replace those dollars lost or a hold harmless clause being included in any proposal.

# Cell Phone Bans-State Laws or Exec Orders



Oklahoma

Appropriated \$1 million for schools to develop a cellphone ban

Florida

Indiana

Prohibits use of 'wireless devices' during instructional time

Ohio

Virginia (VA DOE will develop guidelines)

Louisiana



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## Local Level

- Cell Phone Ban Policy
- Elections (turnout, lack of candidates)
- Board Vacancies
- Polarization
- Community groups, needs, concerns
- Public Comment





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## Local Policies-Cell Phone Restrictions



Ban or Restrict?

Turn off?

Restrict Use During Instructional Time?

Define Devices

Different Rules for Different Ages?

Keep in designated areas?

Exceptions and Appeal Process?



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# Election Info

For the most recent regular school election, must provide in the minutes:

- (1) The number of registered voters
- (2) The number of voters who voted
- (3) The percentage of registered voters who voted
- (4) If the election was held in conjunction with a regular municipal election or with the regular June primary

If the regular election was not conducted because no contested vacancy in the school board or any question submitted to the voters, the school board shall provide that information in the school board minutes.



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# Board Vacancies

Help! No one is running for election!

What happens to the empty seat?

Is it okay to recruit?

Can the board handpick the appointee?





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# Appointment Process

- Include vacancy/your appointment process in agenda (and minutes)
- Remember to include in minutes no election
- After board appoints member, they must qualify at or before the meeting following the appointment
- Appointee is a temporary replacement who doesn't serve the rest of the term
  - Only serves until the next election, when successor is elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term



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# Appointment Process

- Announcement in the newspaper
- Invitations to submit applications or nominations by xxx date
- Exec session to discuss candidates
- Interviews in exec session
- Appoint new member in open session
- Include action on the appointment on the agenda



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# Public Comment

Newish law: Must allow for public comment at every official meeting

Can limit time allowed for each topic and the total time allowed for public comment

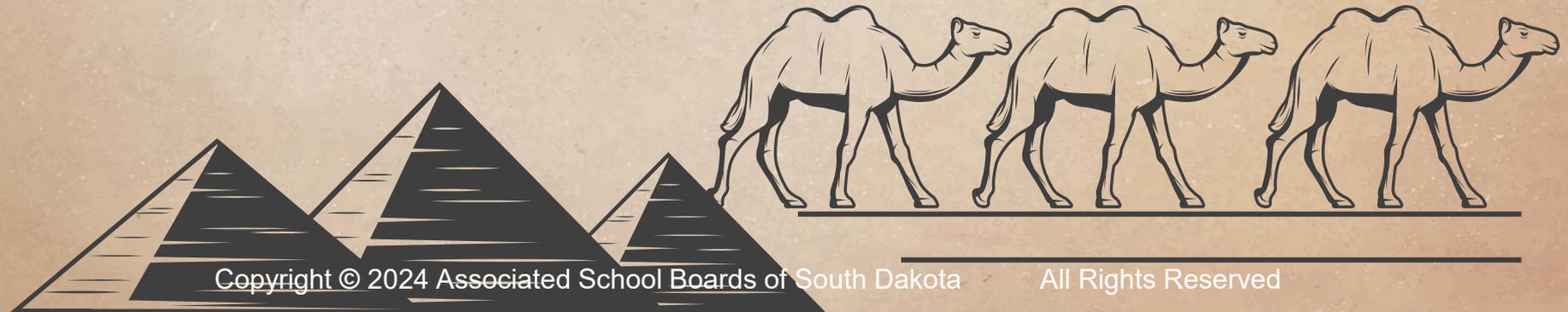
Public comment not required if solely for the purpose of meeting in exec session

- Timer/Stopwatch
- Civility Focus
- Board Working Agreements
- Listening Sessions



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# Polarization and Community Relations



# Thank you for your attention

## Any questions?

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