

**SCHOOL BOARD INDEMNIFICATION**

The Board of Education is the governing body of the school district. The school district shall provide for the defense and indemnification of a past president or officer, current officers and board members, and any future member of its governing board in any civil action or proceeding, state or federal, which occurs or allegedly occurs while a member is acting within the scope of his official duties and shall be held liable for the costs incurred thereby, all subject to the definitions, limitations, qualifications, terms, conditions, and intent of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law. The benefits of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law provided to members of the governing board shall supplement and be available in addition to defense and indemnification protection conferred by another enactment in existence on the effective date of this policy.

The continuing legality of any contract to which the school district is a party shall not be dependent on the official life of any member of its governing body.

Reference: Education Law 1701-1702; 1804(1); 2101(1) (2), 2105; 2502; 2551; 2552; 2590-b  
*Matter of Bode*, 33 EDR 310 (1993)

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