



New Year Update from NSBA Advocacy Director

Happy New Year!

On Capitol Hill, Congress addressed the issue of taxes but put off for two months action on sequestration. As a result, the pressure now intensifies on what federal programs will be cut as sequestration continues to loom over federal spending.

School board members have a crucial opportunity at the Federal Relations Network (FRN) conference to lobby their members of Congress to make public education a priority during these continued funding negotiations. *If school board members do not speak up for education, then who will?*

The FRN conference, the national legislative conference for school board members, will be January 27-29, 2013 in Washington, D.C. Find the agenda and registration information [here](#). [View a video](#) explaining why you need to be at FRN.

NEW - View the [FRN Backgrounder](#) that includes further information and your FRN homework. Please continue to pass board resolutions and bring them to FRN and be prepared to show how sequestration would impact your district.

America's school children need you in Washington at this opportune time to protect their future.

[Register today.](#)

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