

LEAVE MY CHILD ALONE!

A Family Privacy Project of Working Assets & Mainstreet Moms



Plan a School Board Outing

Top 5 to Know About a School Board Outing

1. **Contact your District Superintendent's office** (searchable at www.leavemychildalone.org/supes) to find out when and where your next School Board meeting will be held. Ask your District Superintendent's office how and when community members may submit requests to get a Resolution on the Board's agenda for discussion and vote.
2. **Research your District's current policy**, and more importantly, find out about your District's current implementation of the Opt Out requirements
3. **Submit your request in advance** with an Opt Out Resolution attached
4. **Arrive a few minutes early prepared** with additional copies of your Opt Out Resolution to distribute to Board members. Bringing a few other students, parents, teachers and others to tell their stories can be very helpful.
5. **When it is your time to speak, be clear, brief, and constructive.** Use a sample statement if it's useful for you: "I was surprised to learn that No Child Left Behind requires districts to release personal student information to military recruiters. I am urging this school board to review and vote on a Resolution committed to protecting family privacy through simple improvements such as: ample parent notification; translation (if applicable); a standalone Opt Out, and requiring the return of the Opt Out form for registration.

What does a school board do?

(With thanks to the Illinois Association of School Boards)

Perhaps the single most important job of a school board is to employ a superintendent and to hold him or her responsible for managing the schools in accordance with state law and the school board's policies. The board also should set educational goals for the schools based upon state laws and community values and see that the superintendent and the total staff vigorously pursue those goals.

Because a school board is a governmental body, it can take action only by majority vote at a public meeting. The individual board member has no authority other than the right to cast a vote at such a meeting...The school board is required to meet in public. Except at time set aside for public input, however, citizens normally do not take part in discussions. Because the school board needs to understand what the community thinks, most boards provide time at meetings for citizens to be heard.

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