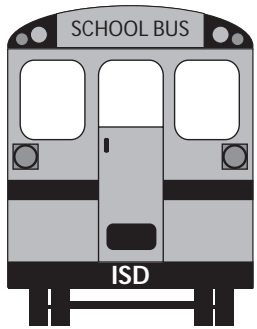


**Note:** This is a graphic representation of the Advocacy process. Think of it as the big picture. See the reverse side for a key to the numbered squares.



## The Advocacy School Board Game

### Even-Numbered Year

1. TASB's Advocacy Agenda includes Priorities and Positions. Advocacy Priorities are developed at Grassroots Meetings, in which Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) members are elected.
2. Same as above.
3. School boards may begin submitting Advocacy Positions in the form of Resolutions to TASB.
4. The LAC meets in Austin to discuss and refine Advocacy Priorities developed in the Grassroots Meetings.
5. In May, voters elect local school board trustees.
6. The LAC submits Priorities to the Legislative Committee and TASB Board for review at the July TASB Board meeting. The LAC elects four members to serve a two-year term on the Legislative Committee.
7. In June and July, school boards choose delegates and alternates for Delegate Assembly.
8. School boards must submit Advocacy Positions in the form of Resolutions to TASB by July 1.
9. The TASB Legislative and Resolutions Committees and TASB Board review Priorities and Positions for Delegate Assembly approval.
10. Delegates adopt the Advocacy Agenda by voting "yea" or "nay" on Priorities and Positions.
11. After Delegate Assembly, trustees help TASB staff draft legislation, line up bill sponsors, and use the School Board Advocacy Network to further advocacy.

### Odd-Numbered Year

12. Trustees promote the Advocacy Agenda by testifying at the Capitol during the Legislative Session and talking to their legislators.
13. Districts may begin submitting Advocacy Positions in the form of Resolutions to TASB.
14. The number of Advocacy Agenda Priorities that passed into law is tallied.
15. In May, voters elect local school board trustees.
16. The LAC tweaks Advocacy Priorities after the Legislative Session and makes recommendations to TASB Board for review and adoption by Delegate Assembly.
17. In June and July, school boards choose delegates and alternates for the upcoming Delegate Assembly.
18. School boards must submit Advocacy Positions (Resolutions) to TASB by July 1.
19. The TASB Board and Legislative Committee review Priorities, and the Resolutions Committee recommends Advocacy Positions (Resolutions) for Delegate Assembly consideration.
20. Delegates refine Priorities and Positions and then adopt the Advocacy Agenda. Trustees and staff members promote the Advocacy Agenda during the interim until Grassroots Meetings begin again.

