

## **WSSDA Task Force on Urban–Suburban Schools Issues**

### **Goal**

To bring together school districts of a typical student population of at least 10,000 or otherwise facing challenges common to a surrounding urban–suburban area to discuss issues and recommend action. Issues to be considered include student achievement, ethnic diversity, low income and poverty services, law enforcement and safety, inter-district collaboration, school facilities, and related topics of concern to all school directors in an effort to chart recommended policies and direction for this class of school district, as well as others that may be impacted by similar challenges.

### **Membership**

The membership will be self-selecting and, consistent with WSSDA policy, the president will appoint the committee chair.

### **Responsibilities**

The Task Force will have two formally sanctioned meetings—one in the spring and one in the fall. However, it is expected that the Task Force or subcommittees may meet by phone or other electronic means more frequently to expedite the focus and direction of the Task Force work.

The Task Force will be responsible for providing an annual update on issues discussed and make recommendations to the WSSDA Board at least once annually on or before Nov. 1 of each year. This report will be included in the Board's annual planning that begins in January of each year.

### **Outcomes**

The Task Force may produce detailed reports or offer workshops to WSSDA members on any of the topics it covers with the consent of the Board by offering a budget for any outside work required including staffing, printing, rental, travel expenses, etc.

It is expected that the annual report from the Task Force to the Board will highlight areas covered during the course of the year and provide recommendations for Board action. This can include but is not limited to:

- Legislative positions
- Consultations with state and regional leadership
- Workshops/seminars
- Academic or social research
- Development of policies and guidelines