



# Standing in the Gap: How to Impact Your Local Schools

## **ACTION #1: Identify your local public school district**

- Name of school district?
- Identify your superintendent/school board members
- When does the board meet?
- What board seats are up for election?

## **ACTION #2: Find 4 people like you**

- **Identify 4 people in your local community** who care about the same things you do
  - Reach out to people in your church, your place of employment, your local neighborhood
  - Ask them *“Can I keep you informed on these education issues and other topics that concern our families?”*
- **Take turns: ask them to go with you** to local school board meetings so someone is always listening
- **Pray for them. Prayer changes things.**

## **ACTION #3: Join our CTV Education Group at the website below**

- Sign up for our Education email and we will keep you posted on important developments
- Join our Monthly Zoom Briefing for parents, policy leaders and pastors

## **QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**

1. Does our school have a Sex-Ed Advisory Board (SEAB)?
2. Who is on this board and when do their terms expire?
3. When does the board meet?
4. How does one apply to serve on this board? I am interested.
5. I would like to see the curriculum for both Health Class and Sex Education Class

**Share your story of any school policy challenges** [via this website](http://www.saltlightglobal.org/share-your-education-story) so we can document issues [www.saltlightglobal.org/share-your-education-story](http://www.saltlightglobal.org/share-your-education-story)

## **OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO**

- **Run for your local school board or recruit someone else and help them win.** Please let us know and we will connect you to great resources.
- **Start to talk about these things with your community** (call into local radio shows, talk to your Clergy and offer to be a liaison to the church leadership regarding these important issues)
- **Monitor Michigan State Board of Education** agendas and minutes (they meet every second Tuesday of the month) [www.michigan.gov/mde/about-us](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/about-us)

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