



# Midlothian

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### **School Board Member Calling on Congress to "Get It Right"**

Cindy Williams of the Midlothian ISD school board joined nearly 900 school board and state school boards association members to ask leaders on Capitol Hill to act on their support for public schools this year. School board advocates went to Washington, D.C., to take part in the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) 35th annual Federal Relations Network Conference, February 3-5, 2008.

Williams is a member of the National School Board Association's Federal Relations Network (FRN), a national grassroots advocacy network. She met with other members of Congress to urge them to increase federal funding for public schools, make improvements in the No Child Left Behind law, resolve the Medicaid reimbursements to local school districts, and help districts improve teacher recruitment and retention. In addition, she will present the district's board resolution to urge members of Congress to support a bi-partisan bill, H.R. 648, *the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act*, which calls for more than 40 specific improvements to the law. More than 675 school districts nationwide have passed similar resolutions.

"This grassroots effort is designed to positively influence Congressional action in support of our nation's schoolchildren," said Williams. "It's important for our community and our schoolchildren that Congress makes public education a top priority in 2008."

"Local school board members are on the front lines every day and understand firsthand what our public schoolchildren need to succeed," said Norman Wooten, NSBA president. "They are the best advocates in telling their own stories to Congress."

The National School Boards Association is a national federation of state school boards associations that represent more than 95,000 school board members who govern the nation's public schools. The organization's mission is to foster excellence and equity in public elementary and secondary education throughout the United States through local school board leadership.

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