



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS

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Thank you and congratulations on your willingness to be an advocate for mathematics education.

Political advocacy for mathematics education is a key strategic priority for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and your help is critical to our success. To be effective and to have the kind of impact we want at the national, state, and local levels, we rely in large part on the actions of individual advocates. With your help, the Council can play an important role in the public policy process to affect education decisions made at the federal, state, and local levels. We can demonstrate the strength in numbers that a membership of more than 70,000 gives us and lend teachers an influential voice that will be listened to by policymakers at all levels.

The enclosed materials were developed and assembled to provide you with the basic tools to act on behalf of teachers on issues that affect you, your students, our schools, and mathematics education. The Government Relations section of the NCTM Communications Guide presents helpful advice on how to get started, as well as useful tips on what to do, and what not to do, when interacting with legislators and legislative staff. This information, along with the Congressional Directory and NCTM materials in the toolkit, gives you a foundation to take action on national issues. These materials and additional information are online at www.nctm.org/advocacy. Because the issues are often the same at the state and local levels, we hope that you will adapt the toolkit materials and use them locally as needed. In the future, when legislative developments or other events call for action, we hope you will take action. Your efforts will support the Council's national effort and benefit mathematics education for each and every student.

If you have questions about NCTM's advocacy efforts, its government relations activities, or the Advocacy Toolkit, please feel free to contact NCTM Associate Executive Director, Dave Barnes at dbarnes@nctm.org or (703) 620-9840 ext.2101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Matt Larson
President