

## KEY POINTS FOR BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLICYMAKERS

1. Start now – Get to know your legislators.
2. Invite them to your schools – tell your story, share your concerns and successes!
3. Get their cell phone number and share yours.
4. Be prepared, informed, timely and courteous when meeting with them.
5. Close the sale. Try to get their commitment that they will support or oppose your issue.
6. Build a group of champions (parents, community leaders, chambers) to be another voice for your school.
7. Your voice does matter and needs to be heard!
8. Be involved year round including during election season – hold them accountable.
9. Thank them for their time and for their votes when they are with you.
10. Do not burn bridges – you will need them again.

Key websites:

[www.lsb.state.ok.us](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us)

[www.okhouse.gov](http://www.okhouse.gov)

[www.oksenate.gov](http://www.oksenate.gov)

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