

# *Garden State Coalition of Schools . . .*

*. . . a member-directed grassroots advocacy organization representing parents, Board of Education members, school administrators, and community members*

## *What Does GSCS Provide?*

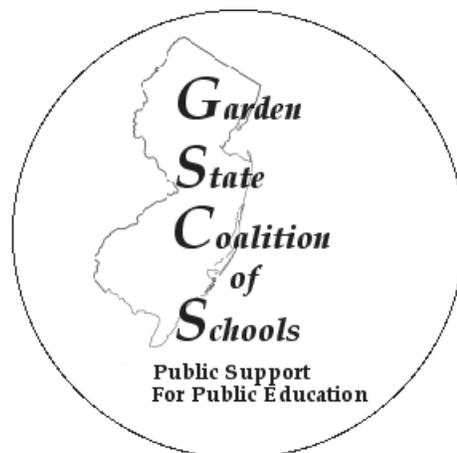
- A track record since 1992 of working to improve education without diminishing quality
- A primary focus on the inter-related issues of academic achievement, educational practices and school finance
- A focus on continuing school programs that have led to high student achievement
- A broad perspective that reflects the concerns of educators, lay leadership, and communities and parents
- Focused advocacy with expertise in school funding

## *Who Belongs to GSCS?*

- GSCS is a statewide organization, its members spanning New Jersey from Camden County to Bergen County.
- Once considered primarily suburban, GSCS members have quintupled since 1992 and now include districts with a range of financial resources.
- Member districts represent nearly 375,000 public school children.
- More than 100 NJ school districts currently belong to GSCS.
- Participants are a unique mix of parents, board of education members and superintendents, all of whom bring a broad perspective to GSCS initiatives.

## *What Makes GSCS Effective?*

- GSCS is led by a highly motivated, volunteer membership and is grass roots in its decision-making.
- GSCS is tightly organized and able to gather and analyze information and make recommendations in a short time frame.
- GSCS is the only statewide educational organization that serves parents, school administrators, and Board of Education members.
- GSCS reaches out to work with education partners throughout NJ.
- GSCS maintains a presence in Trenton and is able to mobilize its statewide membership, bringing local educators, parents, and state legislators and policymakers together quickly.
- GSCS is a leading advocate for public support of public education for all children, not just those in one socio-economic group.



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# *The Garden State Coalition of Schools*

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## ***How Is the Coalition Organized?***

- GSCS has only one full-time staff person and is funded solely through member district dues.
- A 24-district Board of Trustees meets monthly during the school year. The Parent Network Coordinator is a voting member of the Board.
- Parents, school administrators and Board of Education members represent their districts on the Trustee Board.
- All member districts are invited to send representatives to the monthly meetings where valuable information concerning state actions and plans is shared and networking opportunities abound.

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**When critical issues are debated in Trenton,  
GSCS gives member districts a real seat at the table.**

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