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## Your first year: What must you do to 'act ethically'?

Dear <<Contact>>:

We hope your first term as a school director is going well. To help you through the first year, your association will be providing monthly emails with practical information focusing on one of the seven principles in PSBA's [Principles for Governance and Leadership](#). This month's principle is "Act Ethically."

### Quick governance fact

Pennsylvania's **Public Officials and Employee Ethics Act** is an important piece of legislation that all school directors must follow. Did you know that school directors must abstain from a board vote where they have a specific conflict of interest and publicly disclose the nature of the conflict? To learn more about the Ethics Act, you may participate in this [30-minute complimentary course](#) on PSBA's new training portal accessed through myPSBA. Your username and password to access [myPSBA](#) were sent via email on March 7.

### Additional resources

PSBA Legal Services offers an experienced team of experts in school

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school directors, educators and their local council understand the law, comply with it and stay abreast of developments. Feel free to contact anyone on the legal services team at (717) 506-2450 or by email.

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Sincerely,



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