



Positions Adopted at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes any legislative and regulatory mandates that would impose new unfunded or underfunded mandates.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation at the state level to hold school districts financially harmless whenever they experience the unanticipated, significant loss of revenue due to tax certiorari cases or the unexpected loss of a significant portion of the value of their taxable property.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislative proposals that would allow districts to adopt an earlier start to the instructional year with those dates being eligible for state aid and also allow for extending the school year beyond the last Regents exams.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports preserving Medicaid funding to school districts, while also seeking to streamline associated reporting requirements and provide reimbursement for all required administrative costs.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports additional state and federal funding which would be dedicated for school safety programs, staff and equipment and include prevention programs directed toward social emotional development and mental health programs.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports proposals establishing additional dedicated funding for student health and mental health services.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes shifting financial responsibility for pre-school special education from counties to school districts.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that allows the date of the annual reorganizational meeting to be on or before the Monday following the 20th of July.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation to exempt expenditures related to school safety from the tax cap.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York School Boards Association supports legislation that would substantially increase the earning limitations for retired police and other law enforcement officers who are serving as school resource or safety officers.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes any legislative or regulatory effort to grant tenure status to non-instructional school employees.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall seek legislation to streamline the tenured teacher hearing process set forth in Education Law §3020-a in a way that preserves due process while addressing spiraling costs and the extraordinary length of time to conduct hearings.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports all efforts to improve school safety by limiting or reducing unauthorized access to guns in schools.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, NYSSBA shall take a leadership role in raising awareness and understanding of the importance of all school districts' leaders in understanding and taking action to address disproportionality in the education workforce and in student outcomes as it relates to diverse backgrounds. In carrying out this mission, NYSSBA shall:

- a. Develop training focused on cultural competency and diligently promote, encourage and facilitate access to all school boards;
- b. Encourage school boards to invite discussions with students, parents, staff and the board to develop district action plans that address staffing, student outcomes and the school climate in a manner that improves cultural competency, diversity and inclusivity; and
- c. Take an active role in collaborating with other groups, including but not limited to the New York State Board of Regents, NYSCOSS, SAANYS, NYSUT and other members of the Educational Conference Board to encourage them to jointly promote such training and conversations about their members and constituencies.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation and regulatory changes at the state level that would authorize school districts and BOCES to directly offer childcare, as automatically licensed providers with processes that are acceptable for employment in public schools, if the school district or BOCES demonstrates a community need for such care and directly charges families for such care. Such care would be eligible for the same family subsidies as a traditional childcare facility.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports the state providing needs-based funding for dual enrollment courses for students.

Resolution – Adopted as Amended

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports a requirement to have state-supplied naloxone (aka Narcan) available for use in all school buildings.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports state investments to support local “grow your own” teaching programs.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association advocate for the State to conduct feasibility studies/review regarding utilities/infrastructure, logistical, and fiscal aspects of the zero-emission school vehicle mandate, and to revise the mandate as the reviews/studies deem necessary.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association will advocate for an update to the rates established for compensating providers for pre school services provided to students with special needs/exceptionalities.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports changes to the laws and regulations regarding the provision of pre-school educational services to special needs students, including section 4410, in order to remove specific barriers to the efficient and effective delivery of these services.

Resolution – Adopted as Amended

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports full individual WIFI and cellular access for every household across New York State, paid for by NY State.

Resolution – Adopted as Amended

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association include as a legislative priority issue, reforms to funding for charter schools thereby removing the burden from districts and shifting the burden to New York State and federal sources.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that amends the current civil service system to bring it up to date with changes to the duties potential employees will be assigned.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation to exempt debt service expenditures related to litigation under the Child Victims Act from the tax cap.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association ADVOCATE for passage of legislation that would seek to “de-couple” student standardized test scores as a metric in determining a teacher’s APPR Rating.

Resolution – Adopted as Amended

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association SUPPORTS legislation that would fully fund Universal Access to Free Meals programs for every PreK-12 student within the State.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would allow, but not require, New York school districts to offer early voting in the annual school budget vote and Board of Education election, consistent with early voting allowed in non-school-district elections in New York.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would revise New York's school receivership law to remove punitive consequences and provide a more supportive, equitable system for assisting schools and school districts in need of improvement.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports proposals that would make kindergarten attendance mandatory.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation at the state and/or federal level for a waiver for small and rural school districts from the law that mandates that all school vehicles be zero emission vehicles.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports the repeal of the law that mandates all school vehicles be zero emission vehicles.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association oppose any legislation or Budget initiatives that would allow NYS to overrule local zoning ordinances.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association will OPPOSE any reduction to the requirements and/or standards related to history and civics in the NYS School Curriculum. In addition, ADVOCATE to keep Regents exams in U.S. History, Government and Global History as a requirement of end of year course work.

Resolution – Adopted

RESOLVED, the New York State School Boards Association does now proclaim its full support and endorsement of the requirement that school Security Guards receive, and be required to obtain, the specialized school specific security training.