



## **Positions Adopted at the 2024 Annual Business Meeting**

### **Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support the full restoration of state and local tax (SALT) deductibility.

### **Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislative action in the regulation of vapor products including consumption, manufacturing, distribution and advertisement.

### **Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association take a leadership role in encouraging school boards to develop successful strategies for integrating respect for differences into the educational experience. In carrying out this mission, NYSSBA shall encourage school boards to:

- Ensure that the importance of acceptance of others who are unique and different because of racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status or religious differences is part of the curriculum.
- Invite discussion among students, parents, staff and the community about how hatred and bigotry based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status and religion endanger the pluralistic and diversity principles for which this nation stands.
- Involve students, parents, staff and the community in developing and supporting educational practices which invite understanding and acceptance of others' differences and which aim to eradicate hatred and bigotry.

### **Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation to eliminate the limit on BOCES District Superintendent compensation.

### **Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association work with the New York State Educational Conference Board and its supportive members, to call on the New York State Legislature to improve Tier 6 in the current retirement systems for school employees and that we seek support and legislation to establish Tier Equity for Tiers 5 and 6 to be more aligned with Tiers 1 through 4.

### **Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation that would increase the BOCES Career and Technical aidable salary cap by connecting aid more closely with the actual cost of providing such services.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation to amend the current civil service system to modernize exam materials and increase the frequency of exam administration.

**Resolution – Adopted as Amended**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) support legislation of the state that would provide for sufficient funding through Building Aid for the construction of a new school that would: (a) replace one or more outdated and antiquated schools; or (b) be built to accommodate increasing enrollment based on population and enrollment projection studies.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for timely decisions on school aid.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support hybrid electric buses as an alternative option to the New York State 100% zero-emission electric school bus (or ESB) fleet mandate by 2035.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that NYSSBA urge the Governor of New York State, the New York State Legislature, and the New York State Education Department to prioritize the human resources, processes and programs that will ensure school districts can receive necessary building permit within 6 months of submission of capital improvement plans.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support funding for technology and related expenses for smartphone regulation policies, whether pursued by districts voluntarily or mandated by the state.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation at the state level that would allow school districts whose prekindergarten programs are oversubscribed to show enrollment preference to students who are economically disadvantaged and/or are English language learners until such time as the programs become truly universal.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for direct funding assistance to school districts for any student/s who enters a BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) program or any affiliated career training program resulting in a post-graduation license or certificate.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for the NY SWIMS Initiative to be extended and expanded to include additional, enhanced, and targeted state funding specifically dedicated to constructing pools in K-12 schools, and for increased aid for operating, maintenance, and staffing costs associated with these facilities. This enhanced

funding should be built into the building aid formulas to promote equitable and year-round access to swimming instruction for all students.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation at the state level to allow school districts to provide an “opt out”/ declination to transportation services.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association advocate for the State Education Department to review and revise the NYSESLAT exam/criteria to ensure a realistic, fair, and accurate annual assessment of each student’s English language proficiency and service needs, eliminate double testing, and ensure exam administration causes minimal disruption to delivery of services to students.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association advocate that the State Education Department refrain from administering the NYSITELL and NYSESLAT exams in the computer-based format until those tests have been properly vetted and field-tested to support that the computer-based format is appropriate, beneficial, valid, and reliable.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association will advocate for any publicly funded study of the foundation aid formula, performed by any organization, to be required to be performed with transparency and meaningful public engagement.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association will advocate for additional state and/or federal funding for the education of ELL (English Language Learner) students in a manner that meaningfully reflects the increased costs associated with the instructional needs of these students and includes the regional cost index in its analysis of funding.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) shall advocate for the upward modification of the inflexible, restrictive per-pupil expenditure limits for the State Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program, currently set at \$5,400, to mirror the same provisions allowable for the use of Statewide Universal Full Day Prekindergarten (SUFDPK).

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association oppose the proposed amendments to Sections 135.1, 135.4 and 135.5 of the Commissioner of Education’s Regulations related to Mixed Competition and extra-class athletic activities.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes efforts to establish additional school closure holidays without commensurate adjustments to the school calendar.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) advocates for the minimization of field testing and school

district decision-making rights to refuse to participate in field testing without penalty from the New York State Education Department.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports and upholds the Mission of the Conference of Big 5 School Districts, promoting a more equitable and adequate funding system and the delivery of a high-quality education to all children. Central to this Mission is the belief that all children can succeed and should be afforded appropriate support and educational opportunities throughout their lives. NYSSBA shall promote and advocate for fiscal and programmatic priorities that are aligned with this Mission.

**Resolution – Adopted**

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would grant judges the ability to require bail in cases of violent threats against school districts and/or staff and/or students at school districts.