

Draft Resolution 1:

CABE urges the State Department of Education and the General Assembly to take action to provide flexibility to comprehensive high schools to employ individuals in career and trade fields as instructors, similar to that provided to the Connecticut Technical and Education Career System.

Rationale: Boards of education are working to provide career preparation opportunities within the comprehensive high school system but are finding it very difficult to employ individuals with both certification and trade experience. Our students will benefit greatly from learning from current practitioners in the trades. The opportunity to explore career pathways, combining education and training prepare students for a full range of postsecondary education options, including apprenticeships, fits Connecticut's educational goals.

Draft Resolution 2: CABE requests that Alliance District ECS dollars remain earmarked for reform efforts in a comprehensive manner and the recent legislation requiring 10% be used of minority alternative path to certification be rescinded.

Rationale: The legislature established the Alliance District designation to target more resources in the ECS formula for school improvement and reform efforts. Alliance Districts work closely with SDE and SDE reviews and approves reform efforts. Reform efforts already include strategic efforts to hire more diverse staff and the newly passed legislation will have a negative impact on local district efforts. The State should fully fund efforts to hire minority staff and not take away scarce ECS dollars for that purpose. The legislation is also lax on details, including allowing non Alliance Districts to participate without details for a contribution in lieu of 10% of Alliance funds.