



New York State
School Boards
Association

Resolution Kit *2024*



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Introduction

The resolutions process is an opportunity for members of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) to establish the positions and beliefs of the organization. This annual process directs NYSSBA's advocacy efforts through the proposal of new positions and the continuation or discontinuation of those set to expire. Only boards of education that are members of NYSSBA, as well as NYSSBA's Board of Directors, may submit resolutions for consideration. Proposed resolutions, once adopted, may direct NYSSBA to advocate either for or against a wide variety of legislative and regulatory issues at both the state and federal levels.

This Resolution Kit is intended to provide a clear and helpful guide for crafting and submitting proposed resolutions. In this kit you will find the full results of the Resolutions Survey that was electronically distributed to NYSSBA's full membership on March 4, 2024, a detailed timeline of the full resolutions process and instructions for resolution submission. A member board may submit a proposed resolution on an issue included in the Resolutions Survey and may also submit its own resolutions and proposed bylaw amendments for consideration on any topic. All resolutions and proposed bylaw amendments must be received by 5 p.m. on July 12, 2024, to be considered by the Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee will meet in August to review and consider all resolutions and bylaw amendments submitted by member boards of education and the NYSSBA Board of Directors. At that time the committee will determine which resolutions and bylaw amendments to recommend for consideration by the voting delegates at the Annual Business Meeting. Regardless of the recommendations made by the committee, all resolutions and proposed bylaw amendments will be presented to the voting delegates. The members of the committee were appointed by their Area Directors. You can find a complete committee list below.

2024 Resolutions Committee Members

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Area 1: Leslie Tobin, Lockport

Area 2: Elizabeth Peck, Avon

Area 3: Mary Myers, Randolph Academy

Area 4: Randall Kerr, Newark Valley

Area 5: Jennifer Jones, Hamilton

Area 6: John Fairchild, Beekmantown

Area 7: Sridar Chittur, Albany

Area 8: Susan Kurkowski, Oneonta

Area 9: Joseph Flaherty, Minisink Valley

Area 10: Sarah Carrier, Croton-Harmon

Area 11: Jeanne D'Esposito, Malverne

Area 12: Robert Sweeney, Mount Sinai

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2024 Resolutions Survey Results

On March 4th an online survey was distributed to all individuals serving on NYSSBA member school boards. The survey is used to gauge member support on important issues. **The survey does not establish NYSSBA's positions. Official positions are established only by the voting delegates during NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting.** A sample resolution has been drafted for any position that was supported or opposed by at least two-thirds of survey respondents.

You may choose to advance one or more sample – or any other – resolutions by following the resolutions process. Sample resolutions will be considered and may be advanced on a contingency basis by the NYSSBA Board of Directors.

The survey was sent to 4,466 school board members in 674 school districts and BOCES whose boards are members of NYSSBA. A total of 573 individual responses were received.

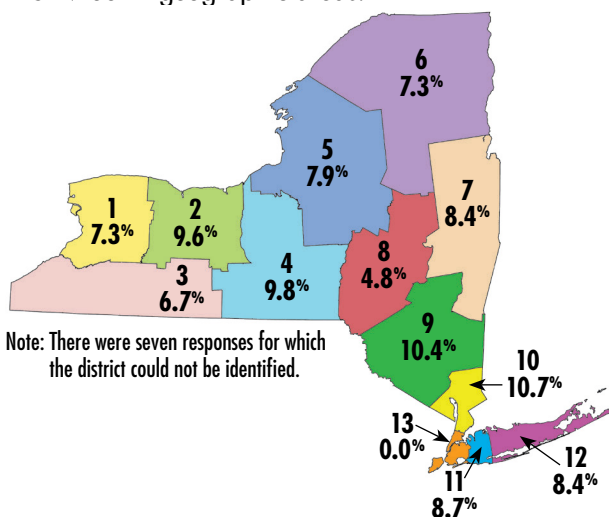
About 58% of the 356 participating districts and BOCES had one board member respond. The remainder of the participating districts submitted two, three, four or five responses as reflected in the table below.

Districts with:	# of respondents*	% of respondents
one response	208	58.4%
two responses	102	28.7%
three responses	32	9.0%
four responses	12	3.4%
five responses	2	0.6%
	356	100.0%

*Note: There were seven responses for which the district could not be identified.

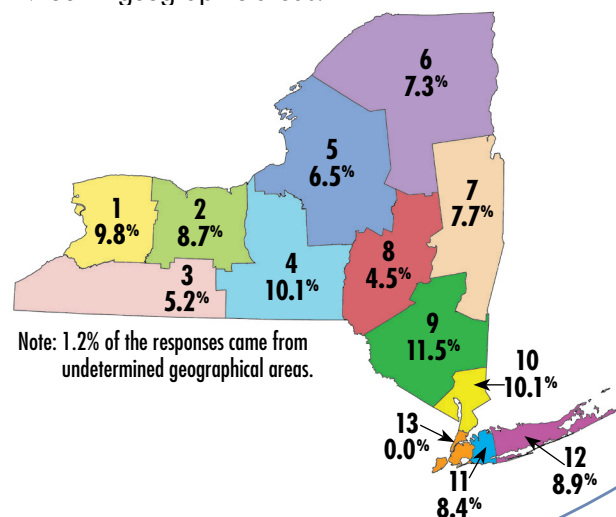
BOARD RESPONSES

The map below indicates the percentage of the 356 responding school boards that came from each of the 13 NYSSBA geographic areas.



INDIVIDUAL RESPONDENTS

The map below indicates the percentage of the 573 individual respondents that came from each of the 13 NYSSBA geographic areas.



2024 Resolutions Survey Results *cont.*

Questions that were supported or opposed by two-thirds or more respondents are highlighted in yellow throughout the survey. For your convenience, a sample resolution has been drafted for consideration for any issue that reached the supermajority (two-thirds) threshold. To advance a sample resolution, please follow the resolutions submission process.

1. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral regarding proposals to allow boards of education to determine if their buildings will be used as polling places for all elections?

Support	63.7%	364
Oppose	6.8%	39
Be neutral	29.4%	168
Total		571

2. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on legislation on legislative curriculum mandates?

Support	22.0%	122
Oppose	58.0%	322
Be neutral	20.0%	111
Total		555

3. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on the full restoration of state and local tax (SALT) deductibility?

Support	94.8%	422
Oppose	1.0%	27
Be neutral	4.2%	103
Total		552

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

4. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on legislation to regulate vaping products including consumption, manufacturing, distribution and advertisement?

Support	83.0%	470
Oppose	3.7%	21
Be neutral	13.3%	75
Total		566

SAMPLE RESOLUTION: **RESOLVED**, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation to regulate vaping products including consumption, manufacturing, distribution and advertisement.



2024 Resolutions Survey Results *cont.*

5. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on efforts to require use of devices that prohibit the student use of cell phones during the school day?

Support	43.1%	243
Oppose	19.7%	111
Be neutral	37.2%	210
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Total		564

6. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on lowering the voting age for school district elections?

Support	18.2%	104
Oppose	58.5%	334
Be neutral	23.3%	133
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Total		571

7. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on efforts to require some form of formal student participation in school board meetings?

Support	38.9%	222
Oppose	19.1%	109
Be neutral	42.0%	240
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Total		571

8. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on the removal of a public vote requirement with respect to zero emission bus purchases?

Support	29.1%	164
Oppose	52.6%	296
Be neutral	18.3%	103
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Total		563

9. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on legislative efforts to lessen the statutory barriers to school district consolidation?

Support	55.9%	310
Oppose	15.1%	84
Be neutral	29.0%	161
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Total		555

10. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on the creation of a specific "school psychologist" licensure?

Support	48.7%	273
Oppose	18.0%	101
Be neutral	33.3%	187
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Total		561



2024 Resolutions Survey Results *cont.*

11. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on efforts to increase the maximum cost allowance limits for building aid?

Support	85.6%	475
Oppose	5.2%	29
Be neutral	9.2%	51
Total		555

SAMPLE RESOLUTION: **RESOLVED**, that the New York State School Boards Association support efforts to increase the maximum cost allowance limits for building aid.

12. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on efforts to establish additional school closure holidays without commensurate adjustments to the school calendar?

Support	24.0%	135
Oppose	57.4%	323
Be neutral	18.7%	105
Total		563

13. Should NYSSBA support/oppose/be neutral on policies, funding, and support from the state to safely incorporate AI into curriculum and district operations?

Support	64.1%	359
Oppose	17.9%	100
Be neutral	18.0%	101
Total		560



2019 Sunsetting Resolutions

Each fall during NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting the voting delegates adopt official positions, which lay the foundation for the Association's advocacy agenda and priorities. Once adopted, each position remains a formal position for five years unless it is rescinded or the action the position calls for is accomplished.

The following resolutions were adopted during the 2019 Annual Business Meeting and are set to expire this year, unless reintroduced through the 2024 resolutions process.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports proposals to allow boards of education to determine if their buildings will be used as polling places for all elections. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation authorizing municipalities to install speed zone cameras in school zones. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports requiring notification to districts by the courts of restraining orders prohibiting contact with or between students enrolled in the district and the parents, or those in parental relation to the students. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports reducing the flexibility provided to charter schools for hiring teachers without a valid New York State teaching certificate. (2019)

STATE AND FEDERAL AID

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports proposals to require the state to fund all state-mandated school meal programs and practices. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports federal and state legislative and regulatory action in addressing the educational and fiscal needs attendant to the increase of unaccompanied minors into New York State. (2019)

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes legislative curriculum mandates. (2019)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall create a task force to study current requirements, costs, trends and other aspects of the special education system and make recommendations for the future of special education delivery. (2019)

LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports the full restoration of state and local tax (SALT) deductibility. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation to eliminate the limit on BOCES District Superintendent compensation. (2019)

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would require the independent hearing officer in a 3020-a hearing to accept the penalty sought by the district if there is a finding of guilt. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes lowering the age of eligibility for a commercial driver license, required to be a school bus driver, from 21 to 18. (2019)



2019 Sunsetting Resolutions, *cont.*

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall 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:

- a.) 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;
- b.) 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; and
- c.) 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. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall support legislative action in the regulation of vapor products including consumption, manufacturing, distribution and advertisement. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would increase the penalties against any business that sells vaping products to any person who is underage or against an adult purchasing vaping products for any person who is underage. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall produce, and widely recommend the adoption of a sample board policy stating that members who have been newly elected to serve as officers will participate in at least one accredited officer training. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall produce, and widely recommend the adoption of a sample board policy stating that all Board of Education members will, each year, participate in at least one new training which has been approved by that Board. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall recommend appropriate parameters for social media and electronic communications between students and school district employees. (2019)

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for action that recommends school districts to provide a professional development program related to the ethical practices and protocols employees should follow when using social media and electronic communications. (2019)



Resolutions Process and Timeline

Process Overview:

As NYSSBA members, you are in the best position to identify those issues in need of discussion and possible action by NYSSBA. The resolutions process sets the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting each fall, which then sets the course for NYSSBA's advocacy agenda for the coming years. All proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions are reviewed by the Resolutions Committee, after being reviewed by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The Resolutions Committee then reports their recommendations. Resolutions that are not recommended by the committee should not be deemed opposed by the committee. Those resolutions that are not recommended will be accompanied by an explanation as to why they were not recommended, and all resolutions will be eligible to be voted on during the Annual Business Meeting.

There are many opportunities for boards of education to participate in and influence this process, and we urge you to take advantage of them. The process details and timeline can be found below:

January – March Membership Survey

At the beginning of the year, each member of the NYSSBA Board of Directors is asked to appoint one representative from their corresponding area to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

In March, an online survey is distributed to all school board members whose districts or BOCES are members of NYSSBA. The survey is used to gauge member support on important issues, including the continuation of some expiring or "sun-setting" positions. This survey does not establish NYSSBA's positions. Official positions are established only by the voting delegates during NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting. A sample resolution is drafted for any position that is supported or opposed by at least two-thirds of survey respondents. Your board may choose to advance one or more sample resolutions, or any other resolution or bylaw amendment, by following this process. The NYSSBA Board of Directors may advance resolutions or bylaw amendments, including those originating from the survey.

April – July Proposal Submission

April 15, 2024 – Distribution of Resolution Kit

The Resolution Kit, which includes the full results of the Resolutions Survey, is electronically distributed to NYSSBA's full membership. This kit provides member boards of education with resources for submitting resolutions and proposed bylaw amendments for consideration by the voting delegates at the Annual Business Meeting.

July 12, 2024, at 5pm – Proposed Bylaw Amendment and Resolution Deadline

All proposed resolutions and bylaw amendments must be received by **this date and time** to be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee and be eligible to be voted on during the "**Consideration of Proposed Resolutions**" portion of the Annual Business Meeting. Any resolution submitted after this time will be late and can be considered for review and vote by the membership only during the "Other Business" portion of the Annual Business Meeting.

In addition to advancing any of the resolutions from the survey, a member board may also propose its own resolutions or bylaw amendments for consideration on any topic. Prior to submission, the board should review all current position statements. Should a member board be interested in proposing a new resolution, sunseting position statement or bylaw amendment, there are several options for submission.

Single Board Submission:

Proposed resolutions or bylaw amendments must be submitted using the Proposed Resolution Submission form found [HERE](#) and must be emailed directly to Danielle Grasso at advocacy@nyssba.org. An email confirmation will be sent upon receipt. Contact Danielle Grasso if you do not receive confirmation. Member boards should consider sharing draft resolutions with NYSSBA Governmental Relations staff in advance of submission to ensure that they are drafted in accordance with NYSSBA bylaws.



Resolutions Process and Timeline *cont.*

Multi-Board Submission:

NYSSBA allows for multiple member boards to collaborate in crafting and jointly submitting a proposed bylaw amendment or resolution and rationale. The submitting boards will be required to submit their proposal using the "Multi-Board Submission Form" available [HERE](#). The submitting boards will be listed alphabetically. It is the responsibility of the submitting boards to identify themselves on the form and appoint a single representative from the entire submitting group to act as the point of contact. Should there be any questions from NYSSBA staff at any point during the process or the resolutions committee on the day of the resolutions committee meeting, that individual will answer on behalf of all boards listed on the submission form.

Resolution Sign-on:

Upon receipt of a proposed bylaw amendment or resolution and rationale that is identical or substantially similar to one that has already been received by NYSSBA, the additional board(s) can choose to sign on to the proposal that was submitted by the first board. The name(s) of the additional submitting board(s) will be listed alphabetically after the original submitting board. Should the additional board(s) not wish to sign on to the previously submitted resolution, they will also have the ability to formally endorse the proposal, for purposes of listing in the Voting Delegates' Guide.

August

Resolutions Committee and DEI Committee Review:

The Resolutions Committee meets in August to review and consider all resolutions and bylaw amendments submitted by member boards of education and the NYSSBA Board of Directors. At this time, the committee will determine which resolutions and bylaw amendments to recommend to the voting delegates at the Annual Business Meeting. Regardless of the recommendations made by the committee, all resolutions and proposed bylaw amendments will be presented to the voting delegates. During this time, the NYSSBA DEI Committee also reviews all proposed resolutions and bylaw amendments and offers reactions to those proposals that are relevant to their DEI work.

August 14, 2024 – Voting Delegate Registration opens

Each NYSSBA member board is eligible to register one voting delegate. All delegates must be registered by their district clerk using the NYSSBA online registration platform. A single board member cannot serve as a voting delegate for two boards (ex. school district and BOCES).

September

September 4, 2024 – Distribution of Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Book:

The proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions, along with the committee's recommendations, are compiled to produce the Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Book which will be distributed electronically to the membership.

September 20, 2024, by 5pm – Amendments, Rebuttals and Endorsements Due:

Each member board has the opportunity to submit an amendment, rebuttal or endorsement to the resolutions contained in the Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Book. All amendments, rebuttals and endorsements must be submitted via email to advocacy@nyssba.org by September 20, 2024, at 5pm to be included in the Voting Delegates' guide. The email subject must contain the number of the proposed resolution and if it is an amendment, rebuttal or endorsement. Below you will find more information regarding each option.

Amendments:

Amendments to a proposed resolution must be submitted using the NYSSBA Amendment Request form found [HERE](#) and emailed directly to Danielle Grasso at advocacy@nyssba.org. Amendments cannot be submitted to proposed bylaw amendments.



Resolutions Process and Timeline *cont.*

Rebuttals:

Rebuttals may be submitted for proposed resolutions not recommended by the resolutions committee. Rebuttals must be sent via email to advocacy@nyssba.org and should include the resolution number, text of the originally submitted resolution, the name of the school district submitting the rebuttal, and must be signed by the Board President.

Endorsements:

A member board can endorse a proposed bylaw amendment or resolution of another member board by emailing advocacy@nyssba.org. The email must include the names of both the endorsing district and submitting district, and the text of the originally submitted resolution. The endorsing board(s) will be listed alphabetically with the proposed bylaw amendment or resolution.

September 25, 2024 – Distribution of the Voting Delegates' Guide

The guide will be distributed electronically to all member boards and posted to the NYSSBA website.

October

The Resolutions Committee meets again in advance of the Annual Business Meeting to consider if any new information will require changes to its original recommendations.

October 4, 2024 – Deadline for Voting Delegate registration

Each NYSSBA member board is eligible to register one voting delegate. All delegates must be registered by their district clerk using the NYSSBA online registration platform. A single board member cannot serve as a voting delegate for two boards (ex. school district and BOCES).

October 8, 2024, at 5pm – Deadline for amendments and late resolutions

All amendments and late resolutions received by this time are eligible for consideration at the business meeting during the "Other Business" portion of the meeting. Late resolutions shall be submitted by a motion to suspend Article 9, Section 2, of the Association's bylaws. Such motion shall identify the subject matter and purpose of the resolution, shall require a second, be debatable, and shall require a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be considered.

October 10, 2024 – NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting, Virtual

Resolutions adopted at the Annual Business Meeting become official position statements of NYSSBA. Once enacted, positions remain active for five years in accordance with NYSSBA bylaws, unless acted upon, rescinded or rendered moot. Bylaw amendments remain in place until amended or repealed.

Failure to adopt a resolution does not set a NYSSBA position or repeal an existing position. While NYSSBA staff take careful notes and allow the conversation to inform their work, only the affirmative adoption of a resolution sets NYSSBA positions.



Formulating Resolutions

Well-crafted resolutions provide NYSSBA with clearly stated goals while providing flexibility to advocate for school boards' positions and pursue solutions that meet member needs.

Before drafting a resolution, review NYSSBA's 2024 Position Statements (www.nyssba.org/positions) to determine whether there is an existing position statement that addresses your issue. Current positions should not be repeated. Proposed changes to positions should be addressed through the resolutions process.

Tips for drafting a resolution or bylaw amendment *(See page 13 for a sample resolution):*

- 1. Single Resolved Clause:** Begin your resolution or bylaw amendment with a single "resolved" clause as stipulated in Article 9, Section 2 of the NYSSBA Bylaws (see Appendix, NYSSBA Bylaws, Article 9).
 - The "resolved" clause is what delegates officially vote upon. Delegates are not voting on the wording of the rationale. Instead, the "rationale" is intended to support the "resolved" clause, which is your resolution.
 - Do not include "whereas" clauses. If you have more than one issue, submit more than one resolution or bylaw amendment. Explanations or justifications for your resolution should be included in the rationale.
- 2. Clear Call to Action:** Specify what action you are calling for NYSSBA to take, e.g., to support or oppose a specific issue. Resolutions should be worded broadly enough to provide NYSSBA the latitude to achieve the resolution's goal. Your rationale should be concise and persuasive in support of the resolution.
- 3. Statewide Significance:** Resolutions should be broad in scope. They should have a statewide impact or at least be relevant to most school boards in the state. NYSSBA is a statewide organization and its positions should represent all member boards.
- 4. Timely and Responsive:** Proposed resolutions should be responsive to current events and issues.

Please consider contacting NYSSBA Governmental Relations Staff to aid in the drafting of your resolution.



Sample Resolution

1 — — **SINGLE RESOLVED CLAUSE** — — **2** **CLEAR CALL TO ACTION**

— — **{RESOLVED,}** that the New York State School Boards Association **{oppose legislation}** — — — —

at the state and/or federal level that would provide tuition tax credits or educational vouchers for private or parochial schools.

RATIONALE

Allocation of any public funds to nonpublic schools diverts much-needed resources from public education. It establishes dissimilar standards for students attending different publicly supported schools, and diminishes both the impetus and effectiveness of reforms to public schools, which continue to be responsible for educating the vast majority of the state's children.

The foundation of our democracy has been built on the concept that all children, regardless of their race, gender, religion or economic status, are entitled to receive a free public education. Publicly funded tuition tax credits and educational vouchers divert money from public schools and undermine the ability of such schools to appropriately serve their students. Private schools are free to control which students gain admission to their schools and are free to expel students who do not measure up to their academic or behavioral standards. Additionally, as a rule, private schools are not required to follow state-imposed educational mandates or engage in collective bargaining.

Therefore, there is no merit to the argument by proponents of educational vouchers and tuition tax credits that they will force public schools to be more competitive. Perhaps most importantly, public funding of private school tuition tax credits and/or vouchers would **{initiate an annual competition}** for state funding that (particularly in lean years) would have a devastating effect on traditional public schools. It would be **{unconscionable}** for the state to initiate such a program while in violation of a Court of Appeals order declaring the state in violation of the state constitution

4 **TIMELY AND RESPONSIVE** — — **{(by virtue of underfunding public schools)}.**

3 **STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE**

It is imperative that NYSSBA continue its long-standing position in opposition to these programs that significantly threaten the future of public education.



Submitting Proposed Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments

Required Steps:

- Proposed resolutions or bylaw amendments must be submitted using the **Proposed Resolution Submission Form** found by clicking **HERE**. Please indicate if the school board president, superintendent or board clerk is the one submitting on the board's behalf.
- If any portion of the proposed resolution/bylaw amendment or rationale exceeds the space provided, please submit any additional sheets at the same time.
- **All proposed resolutions or bylaw amendments must be submitted via email directly to Danielle Grasso at advocacy@nyssba.org.**
- A confirmation email regarding the receipt of your proposed resolution or bylaw amendment will be sent to you within 48 hours of submission. If you do not receive one, please contact Danielle Grasso directly at advocacy@nyssba.org.
- **Designate one contact person** who has the authority to modify the resolution or bylaw amendment in consultation with the Resolutions Committee.
 - The designated contact person must be available during the **Resolutions Committee meeting on August 13, 2024, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.** to respond to any committee member's questions regarding the proposed resolution. This person should not be a member of the Resolutions Committee. Include the name of the contact person and a daytime telephone number when submitting the resolution.
- All proposed resolutions and bylaw amendments submissions must be received by **5 p.m. on July 14**.

We encourage you to submit your proposed resolution or bylaw amendment as early as possible. This allows NYSSBA Governmental Relations staff to review the materials, contact you for clarifications and answer any questions you might have.



NYSSBA BYLAWS - ARTICLE 9. COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 9. COMMITTEES *(As amended October 29, 2019)*

A. There shall be:

1. An Executive Committee of the board of directors, consisting of not more than eight members of the board of directors established annually by the board at the last meeting of the year of the board. Terms of office for the Executive Committee shall begin on January 1 following the meeting in which such members are chosen and shall continue for one year. The composition of the committee shall be as set forth in board policy. The committee shall have such powers as may be specifically delegated to it by the Board consistent with this paragraph of these Bylaws and the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The Board may vest the committee with the authority to:
 - a. Approve the Association's participation as amicus in cases of statewide interest to NYSSBA's membership, upon its own initiative or when requested to do so by a member board.
 - b. Approve the commencement of litigation on matters of statewide importance in court or before administrative agencies, either upon its own initiative or when requested to do so by any member board, except that lawsuits initiated to collect monies or fees owed to the Association may be authorized by the executive director.
 - c. Review matters that are brought to it by the executive director and to act upon such matters as appropriate, except that the committee shall not have the authority to alter or amend any policy established by the Board of Directors.

A majority of the total membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum. Any action taken shall require a majority of the full membership of the committee. It shall meet upon the call of the chair or upon the written request of three members of the committee addressed to the executive director. Such written request shall state the purpose(s) of the meeting and, upon its receipt, the executive director shall issue the call for the meeting. The notices of all meetings shall be sent so as to reach the members of the committee at least five days prior to the proposed meeting.

2. A Resolutions Committee, consisting of one school board member from each Association area, one member from one of the five large city school boards and one member from the Caucus of Black School Board Members appointed by the president at the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors subject to confirmation by the board. The committee shall review, but may not amend, resolutions and Bylaw amendments submitted to it by any member board or the Board of Directors.

Proposed resolutions or bylaw amendments must reach the Association office before the close of business on a date set annually by the board. Such due date shall not be later than August 1 or the Monday following August 1 if this date falls on a Saturday or a Sunday immediately preceding the annual meeting. Each resolution shall consist of a single "resolved" clause without "whereas" clauses, and shall address only one subject. A brief rationale statement may be included with each resolution or proposed Bylaw amendment.

The Resolutions Committee shall present a report of its recommendations to NYSSBA membership in a printed document for action at the annual business meeting. A resolution adopted at an annual meeting shall remain in effect and shall be part of NYSSBA's active program for five years, unless sooner rescinded, reaffirmed, implemented or enacted.

3. Other committees as the Board of Directors determines; the members of such committees to be appointed by the president, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors; and such committees shall report at such times and at such places as the Board of Directors may determine.

- B. At the request of the President, any committee appointed by the Board of Directors may meet by means of a telephone conference or similar communication permitted by the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Notice of such meeting shall be given to members of the committee at least 24 hours prior to such meeting.





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