

1. As an organization, ECASB strives for fair, equitable public education for all students in WNY. In doing so, we address many issues and concerns facing public education through our state and federal legislators. Areas in which we focus, but are not limited to, are:

1. **Equitable Funding:** We advocate for fair and equitable funding formulas that ensure all schools, regardless of their location or demographics, have access to adequate resources.
2. **Special Education Support:** We advocate for legislation that enhances support for students with special needs, including better funding, training for educators, and improved access to services.
3. **Early Childhood Education:** We advocate for policies that expand access to high-quality early childhood education programs to set a strong foundation for students' future academic success.
4. **Teacher and Staff Recruitment and Retention:** We advocate for initiatives that attract and retain qualified employees, such as salaries competitive with private markets for mental health specialists, competitive salaries for education professionals, professional development opportunities, and supportive working conditions.
5. **School Safety Measures:** We advocate for legislation that enhances school safety protocols and resources, addressing concerns such as mental health support, SRO staffing, bullying prevention, and emergency preparedness.
6. **Digital Learning and Technology:** We advocate for policies that ensure schools have access to up-to-date technology and reliable Internet connections, as well as guidelines for effective integration of digital learning tools and Artificial Intelligence (AI).
7. **Curriculum Modernization:** We advocate towards updating curriculum standards to align with 21st-century skills, emphasizing critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity.
8. **Culturally Responsive Education:** We advocate for the development of curriculum that reflects the diverse backgrounds and experiences of students, fostering inclusivity and understanding.
9. **Student Health and Wellness:** We advocate for comprehensive programs that address students' physical, mental, and emotional well-being, including nutritious meals, physical activity, and access to counseling services.
10. **Parent and Community Engagement:** We advocate for legislation that promotes stronger partnerships between schools, parents, and the local community, fostering a collaborative approach to education.
11. **Support for English Language Learners:** We advocate for resources and policies that effectively support students who are learning English as a second language, including bilingual education programs.
12. **Infrastructure Upgrades:** We advocate for funding to improve school facilities, ensuring safe and conducive learning environments for students and educators.
13. **Special Programs Funding:** We advocate for legislation that provides adequate funding for extracurricular activities, arts, music, and sports programs that contribute to a well-rounded education.
14. **Data Privacy and Security:** We advocate for policies that protect student data and privacy in an increasingly digital educational landscape and oppose mandates that require reports that include students' individual information such as name, grade and name of teacher for tracking purposes of any kind at state and federal levels.

Does your district agree with the above statement?

Support all Oppose all Support specific ones (which) Oppose specific ones (which)

1A. For clarity, please rank the above categories with one being your district's highest ranking and 14 being the lowest.

2. Where does your district stand on MANDATED COVID vaccines?

Support Oppose

3. Where does your district stand on MANDATED HPV Vaccines?

Support Oppose

4. Where does your district stand on legislation to create a fund for CVA cases (even if you have no cases in your district)?

Support Oppose

5. Would your district support legislation that provides bullet aid funding or other funding outside of foundation aid for education of the immigration population of WNY Students.

Support Oppose

6. Does your district continue to support sustained funding for programs dedicated to offsetting learning loss as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Support Oppose

7. Would your district support a request by way of a **Legislative Team Resolution** to break the status quo of foundation aid formulas to the state?

Support Oppose

8. Would your district support ECASB's **Legislative Team Committee** to look at and possibly make recommendations for how to change calculations and allocation of foundation aid?

Support Oppose

9. Does your district support legislation to repeal the zero-emissions bus mandate?

Support Oppose

10. Does your district support legislation to amend the zero-emissions bus mandate timeline?

Support Oppose

11. Would your district support an ECASB Legislative Team resolution to create a revised zero-emissions bus mandate to include a reduction in the percentage of required electric busses in a fleet and allowances for some diesel or gasoline buses to be purchased for specific routes and/or use?

Support Oppose

12. Does your district support legislation to match the Special Education student age requirements changes, to allow increased participation in unified sports programs to age 23?

Support Oppose

13. Does your district support legislation *opposing* homeschooled and other non-public school children participating in public school activities and sports?

Support Oppose

14. Does your district support legislation that addresses shortfalls in Civil Service testing including requirements for more frequent testing and relaxing requirements between test dates?

Support Oppose

15. Does your district support ECASB joining other COLSBAs (Coalition of Local School Board Associations) in their *support* of the NYS Teachers Union's quest to revise the Tier 6 teacher retirement system?

Support Oppose

16. Does your district support a request for NYS to conduct a public study identifying all areas in which mandates in education have changed in the past five years *and* report where and how much these changes have impacted individual school budgets?

Support Oppose

17. Does your district support a request that NYS provide a full-time data coordinator for each district, *with* salary and benefits fully funded by the state to complete all state mandated reporting?

Support Oppose

18. Does your district support legislation to provide additional funds for the support of career and technical education as well as the creation and wider spread of P-Tech programs?

Support Oppose

19a. Does your district support legislation to make kindergarten education mandatory in NYS?

Support Oppose

19b. Does your district support legislation to provide full funding for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in all public school districts, including transportation funding?

Support Oppose

20. Does your district support legislation to ensure foundation aid and/or any other state or federal aid is not tied to federal and/or state level testing of students?

Support Oppose

21. Does your district support legislation proposals to require the state and federal government to fully fund all mandated programs?

Support Oppose

22. Does your district support an ECASB bill proposal stating that all proposed education bills explicitly acknowledge when the bill would impact the school district budget, especially when it states it does not impact the state budget?

Support Oppose

23. Does your district support the use of Artificial Intelligence within the district at professional levels?

Yes No

24. Does your district support the use of Artificial Intelligence within the district classrooms for student use?

Yes No

25. Does your district currently have an Artificial Intelligence policy?

Yes No

26. Does your district currently have a policy regarding book challenges for classroom written media?

Yes No

27. Does your district currently have a policy regarding book challenges in the school library written media?

Yes No

28. Does your district currently restrict specific texts from students or require parent permission for specific written media?

Yes No

29. Rank the top 5 issues your district would like to see ECASB support.

30. Rank the top 5 issues your district would like to see ECASB oppose.