Resolutions adopted at NYSSBA's 2025 Annual Business Meeting
October 16, 2025

(*indicates a sunsetting resolution that has been re-adopted)

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes proposals to expand mayoral control to school districts beyond New York City.

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation at the state and/or federal level that would allow and enhance the sharing of services amongst school districts and other municipalities.

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support proposals aimed at addressing the costs and administrative burdens of legal actions related to special education placements and services.

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support incorporating pre-kindergarten funding into the school aid formulas used for K-12 education.

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association produce, and widely recommend the adoption of a board policy, or language to be added to the existing policy related to child abuse, stating that the adopting district will encourage and facilitate all school personnel, including those who are mandated reporters and those who are not, to participate, once every three years, in a course or workshop that presents information related to signs of child abuse and the responsibilities of reporting it.

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes proposals to raise the number of charter schools authorized in the state.

*RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for an overhaul of the current, inadequate testing system to more accurately measure achievement in skills, knowledge and abilities, and it shall do this by:

a. Working collaboratively with the New York State Education Department, superintendents, administrators and teachers to create tests that are developmentally appropriate of reasonable length and frequency, and which avoid the unintended consequences of narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning and undermining school climate;
b. Insisting that educators throughout the State be included in all aspects of the creation of standardized tests; and
c. Demanding that district personnel be permitted to examine test results, answer keys, and their students' responses so that educators can better assess what each child is learning in relation to what is being taught and so that such tests can truly inform instruction.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation which would allow the creation of a regional high school when determined by the local boards of education to be educationally or fiscally appropriate.

RESOLVED, in light of the recent "Extreme Heat Condition Days" unfunded mandate, that the New York State School Boards Association supports the state providing school districts and BOCES with necessary funding to allow for air conditioning and appropriate electrical needs in all public school buildings.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support the state to safely incorporate AI into curriculum and district operations.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association oppose proposals that would provide tuition tax credits or educational vouchers that benefit private or parochial schools.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) shall advocate to the New York State Education Department, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and federal legislators for: 1. The reinstatement of whole milk as an allowable option in school breakfast and lunch programs, in addition to existing low-fat offerings; 2. The recognition of updated nutritional science supporting the safety and benefits of whole milk in the diets of children and adolescents;

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) shall advocate for Amendments to New York State Education Department regulations to allow a set amount of daily recess time—up to 30 minutes per day—to count toward required instructional hours for elementary students.

RESOLVED, the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) shall advocate for the following policy changes: Substantial increases in state reimbursement rates for out-of-district special education placements to reflect true and current costs, including transportation and related services by way of Reform of the Excess Cost Aid formula to ensure more equitable and timely distribution of funding, particularly to districts facing a high proportion of costly mandated placements relative to total enrollment.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association seek and promote legislation to reform current legal notice publication requirements.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports limiting a district's potential annual hold harmless phase out to no more than 2% of their district budget, even if doing so extends that district's overall phaseout period.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association advocates for a budget threshold to protect rural districts with low enrollment and large geographical footprints in the Foundation Aid Formula.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation allowing school districts to receive compensation from the New York Liquidation Bureau for liability insurance claims arising out of claims brought under the Child Victims Act in cases where the insurance company holding the policy became insolvent and its estate was executed by the Liquidation Bureau.

RESOLVED*,* that the New York State School Boards Association supports an amendment to New York State law that would authorize public school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to establish and fund Health Insurance Reserve Funds through Board-approved resolutions.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) urge the New York State Legislature to amend General Municipal Law Section 6-j to explicitly include Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) among the entities authorized to establish and maintain workers' compensation reserve funds.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall support legislative or regulatory changes to add financial literacy into the statewide K-12 curriculum, with additional state funding to support implementation of this new curricular expectation.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation on the state level that allows school districts to choose to authorize School Medical Directors (SMDs) and their clinical designees to evaluate, diagnose, temporarily treat, and prescribe medications for students on campus in accordance with New York State law.

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation that would expand the application of reorganization aid to not only include full merger of school districts, but to also include regional schools, regional collaborations and other methods districts choose to reorganize their school systems**.**

RESOLVED*,* that the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) advocates for the mandatory implementation of daily recess for all students in kindergarten through fifth grade and for students in sixth grade who attend an elementary school or are sectioned with elementary grade levels, in addition to scheduled physical education classes.