



2026 NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions Worksheet

Amendments/Resolutions Key:

S: Support bylaw amendment or resolution

SA: Support resolution if amended

O: Oppose bylaw amendment or resolution

ND: No decision

^ Comments provided below from WPSBA discussion

NYSSBA

DEI Committee

* Supports

* Opposes

	WPSBA Meeting Consensus	Local Board Vote
Proposed Resolutions Recommended for Adoption		
1 SUNSETTING RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support proposals that generate new state revenues with the dedicated purpose of funding education. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i> *	ND^	
2 SUNSETTING RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support changes to streamline teacher certification process for teachers from out of state & those with previous teaching experience. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i> *	S	
3 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation that mandates all charter school trustees & administrators shall reside in NYS and be held to the same financial & ethical standards as public school counterparts. <i>(Riverhead & Port Jefferson School Boards)</i> *	SA^	
4 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation that would revise the Annual Operating Expense (AOE) formula for charter schools in NYS by excluding BOCES expenses from the formula. <i>(Riverhead & Port Jefferson School Boards)</i>	S	
5 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation that requires charter schools to be subject to the same auditing procedures & transparency as public schools in NYS. <i>(Riverhead & Port Jefferson Boards)</i> *	SA^	
6 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation and regulations that alleviate the significant pressures placed on school districts and BOCES by the rising cost of health insurance and advocate for such measures that increase flexibility & funding. <i>(Voorheesville & Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES, Hancock, & Walton School Boards)</i>	S	
7 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support a new state bond act to support school capital and facility needs, such as HVAC, new electrical systems, prek space & technology. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i> *	ND^	
8 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate for policies that ensure a fair & equitable distribution of the tax burden among all classes of property statewide. <i>(Brockport School Board)</i> *	O^	
9 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support amending NYS FOIL laws to allow public school districts to charge a reasonable fee for the staff time to fulfill the FOIL requests whether paper or electronic format from entities who will use the information for commercial purposes. <i>(Amherst, Cassadaga Valley, Cheektowaga-Maryvale, Clymer, Eden, Kenmore-Tonawanda, Lewiston-Porter, Newfane, Olean, Sweet Home, and Wilson School Boards)</i>	SA^	
10 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation allowing school districts to provide meals year round using the same regulations covering the September to June timeframe, and provide reimbursements at the same rates. <i>(Sweet Home School Board)</i> *	S	
11 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA calls upon the state to provide funding to school districts in support of any and all required free appropriate public education (FAPE) services for students with disabilities, who have not earned their high school diploma. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i> *	S	
12 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocates for school boards to be offered a pencil and paper option for NYS testing in grades 3-5. <i>(Onteora School Board)</i> *	ND^	

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13 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support state and/or federal legislation that would require technology companies providing student-facing educational AI products to employ “duty of care” safety and privacy standards. <i>(Onteora School Board)</i> *	S	
14 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocates for a NYS requirement that technology companies alert Public School districts of updates that add new AI functionality to existing programs and allow for an opt-out from those updates. <i>(Onteora School Board)</i> *	SA^	
15 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate for the State to fully fund the mandate of grades 3-8 testing, whether administered as computer-based (CBT) or paper & pencil. <i>(Port Washington School Board)</i> *	S	
16 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate that the State conduct a comprehensive study to determine which mode of administering the grades 3-8 tests -- computer-based testing (CBT) or paper and pencil testing -- produces the most valid, reliable, and cost-effective results. This advocacy should in no way compromise or interfere with students with testing accommodations to test via CBT. <i>(Port Washington School Board)</i> *	S	
17 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA calls upon the State Legislature, the Governor, the State Education Department, and the Board of Regents to enact legislation, regulation, and guidance that prohibits artificial intelligence from serving as the educator of record, from independently assigning grades of record, from conducting behavioral evaluations of students, or from making highstakes decisions regarding student discipline, promotion, placement, or graduation. <i>(Port Washington School Board)</i> *	S	
18 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support adoption of the NYS Dyslexia & Dysgraphia Task Force report & recommendations by appropriate parties including: equitable, adequate & sustainable state funding for training & implementation of appropriate evidence-based literacy instruction, universal dyslexia screening & intervention services. <i>(West Islip School Board)</i> *	S	
19 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support the use of evidence-based practices by districts to improve literacy outcomes for students with dyslexia. <i>(West Islip School Board)</i> *	ND^	
20 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA seek and support legislation that protects the nonpartisan nature of school board elections by preventing partisan political influence. <i>(Washingtonville School Board)</i> *	O^	
21 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate for changes to applicable federal & state laws, regulations, & guidance to include water, whether dispensed or packaged, as an allowable beverage component of a reimbursable school breakfast or lunch. <i>(Massapequa School Board)</i> *	ND^	
22 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate to streamline the approval process for qualified community-based organizations seeking to provide UPK services, while preserving the authority of local BOEs in determining how and by whom UPK is provided. <i>(Massapequa School Board)</i> *	S	
23 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation that AI companies cannot use FOIL as a method to data mine information to build their databases. <i>(Manhasset and Bellmore-Merrick School Board)</i>	S	
24 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support including the reasonable and necessary costs of transporting students to and from BOE-approved interscholastic athletic contests, competitions and related events as allowable expenses eligible for State Transportation Aid. <i>(Gananda School Board)</i> *	S	
25 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate for the state to conduct a comprehensive study on charter school funding, with a particular focus on how such funding impacts public school budgets, student transportation & high-need districts. <i>(Uniondale School Board)</i> *	S	

	WPSBA Meeting Consensus	Local Board Vote
Proposed Resolutions NOT Recommended for Adoption		
26 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation that would reduce the required number of Lockdown Drills conducted each year. <i>(Peru School Board) *</i>	O	
27 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA advocate to pause implementation of the mandate requiring all school districts to offer full-day Pre-K to every four-year-old by the start of the 2028-29 school year, so a comprehensive due diligence feasibility study can be conducted. <i>(Port Washington School Board) *</i>	S^	
28 RESOLUTION: NYSSBA support legislation prohibiting a spouse of a current employee of a district from serving on the district's board. <i>(Valley Central School Board)</i>	S^	
Proposed Bylaw Amendments Recommended for Adoption		
1 NYSSBA proposes that Article 4 of their bylaws be amended to permit electronic notice of special meetings. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	
2 NYSSBA proposes that a paragraph of Article 5 of their bylaws be deleted that related to payment of Convention fees for members only attending the business meeting. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	
3 NYSSBA proposes that Article 6 of their bylaws be amended to permit a COSSBA representative to take an ex-officio position on the NYSSBA Board of Directors <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	
4 NYSSBA proposes that Article 7 of their bylaws be amended to clarify the officer positions on the Board of Directors and to specify that officer positions are voted on electronically. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	
5 NYSSBA proposed that Article 14 of their bylaws be amended to remove the requirement for a printed financial report, & add that the Treasurer provide a financial report to the membership. <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	O^	

NOTES: Propositions Recommended by Committee

- 1** Very open-ended; money can flow to other purposes; could be revenue proposals that hurt our districts or increase reliance on private companies.
- 3** Support but prefer to not require administrators to live in NYS (similar to public districts).
- 5** Support but clarify to ensure that oversight is not required to be undertaken by school districts.
- 7** Debate over if grant funding from a bond is the most equitable way to distribute funding; lack of support for districts that have already undertaken capital projects.
- 8** Could reduce the business footprint which impacts local taxes and employment.
- 9** Support but add in all overhead and out-of-pocket expenses (e.g., legal review).
- 12** Debate: allows districts to have both options; potential for parents opting out of CBT on an individual basis, creating more work for the district.
- 14** Support but prefer optout is allowed only if feasible.
- 19** Debate: Prefer funding requirement in #18. Specifics feel like a lot of new mandates.
- 20** Support principle to keep school board elections non-partisan. This resolution may infringe on the 1st Amendment rights of elected officials.
- 21** Debate: Do not have to include a beverage in school meal program (should encourage students to eat well and drink water) vs. requiring a student to pay for bottled water if they forgot a refillable bottle.

NOTES: Propositions NOT Recommended by Committee

- 27** Support UPK, just not the timing and inflexibility of the mandates as written.
- 28** Prohibit spouses or at a minimum set guidelines for required recusal.

NOTES: Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- 5** In the current bylaws, keep the deadlines, and require the audit to be sent to members (does not need to be printed on paper in the current bylaws).