

NDSBA STANDING RESOLUTIONS

November 2024

NDSBA Standing Resolutions are adopted by the Delegate Assembly and are uniquely legislative. They are dropped after four years unless brought to the Delegate Assembly for reconsideration. NDSBA Beliefs and Policies are permanent philosophical, legislative, and operational statements established by the Delegate Assembly. They are amended only by the action of that Assembly. In order to view NDSBA's total legislative platform, please access both Standing Resolutions and Beliefs and Policies.

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Each resolution is coded to indicate status:

- S** These are less than four years old and STAND as a position of NDSBA.
- D** These will be four years old in 2025 and are scheduled to be DROPPED from standing resolutions unless brought to the floor by the Governmental Affairs Committee or a delegate and readopted by the 2025 Delegate Assembly.
- L** These have had significant LEGISLATIVE or NDSBA action and will be dropped or amended.

A. FUNDING

- S** **1. STATE AID FOR GROWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.** NDSBA shall support legislation that modifies the Foundation Aid Program to allow the use of fall enrollment to provide adequate state support to districts with increasing enrollment.
Adopted in 2012; readopted in 2016, 2020, and 2024.
- S** **2. STATE TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.** NDSBA believes the cost of maintaining, supporting, and enhancing this system should continue to be financed with state dollars and there should be no transfer of the cost associated with this network back to the local school districts.
Adopted in 2004; readopted in 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, and 2024.
- S** **3. STATE FUNDING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS.** NDSBA supports the state ensuring program funding equity and full funding of special education costs to districts including gifted and talented education and to provide a permanent mechanism for the distribution of any surplus special education dollars.
Adopted in 2004; readopted in 2008 and 2012; amended and readopted in 2016; and readopted in 2020.
- S** **4. FEDERAL IMPACT AID FUNDING.** NDSBA shall support full funding by the federal government for federally impacted schools.
Adopted in 2011; readopted in 2015, 2019, and 2023.

- § 5. NON-EDUCATION FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFETY ISSUES INCLUDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES.** NDSBA shall support legislation that commits additional non-education resources to provision of these necessary services so school districts may continue to provide for educational needs of students and receive support necessary to continue these very important non-educational services necessary to ensure safety and health of all students in the state of North Dakota.
Adopted in 2007; readopted in 2011, 2015, and 2019; and amended and readopted in 2023.
- § 6. K-12 FUNDING.** NDSBA supports the continuous commitment to sufficient K-12 funding by the state.
Adopted in 2003; readopted in 2007 and 2011; amended and readopted in 2015; readopted in 2019; and amended and readopted in 2023.
- § 7. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.** NDSBA shall support the state ensuring program funding equity for school districts, including full funding of the costs associated with English language learners.
Adopted in 2014; readopted in 2018 and 2022.
- § 8. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROGRAM.** NDSBA shall support increasing the total funds available for the School Construction Loan Program.
Adopted in 2014; readopted in 2018 and 2022.
- § 9. TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.** NDSBA shall support adequate and sustainable funding for TFFR and PERS programs.
Adopted in 2014; readopted in 2018; and amended and readopted in 2022.
- § 10. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.** NDSBA shall support separate state funding for preschool programs meeting prescribed standards.
Adopted in 2010; readopted in 2014, 2018, and 2022.
- § 11. FUNDING ADEQUACY, BOARD TAXING AUTHORITY, AND PROPERTY TAX REDUCTIONS.** NDSBA will support direct state funding of K-12 education at a level adequate to reduce reliance on local property taxes.
Adopted in 2006; readopted in 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022.
- D 12. REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS.** NDSBA shall support the State of North Dakota providing separate and additional funding to REAs and work toward expanding resources available to these REAs so educational opportunities for students and professional development for staff all across the state can be improved.
Adopted in 2005; amended and readopted in 2009; amended and readopted in 2013; amended and readopted in 2017, and readopted in 2021.
- D 13. TAXING AUTHORITY OF THE STATE.** NDSBA shall oppose any attempt to limit the taxing authority of the state.
Adopted in 2005; readopted in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021.
- § 14. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COALITION.** NDSBA supports the broadening of the financing and funding sources for public school facility improvement.
Adopted in 2024.

B. FINANCE OTHER THAN FUNDING

- § 1. SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.** NDSBA will support the state making supplies and materials purchased by school districts through contracts with contractors for construction projects exempt from sales and use tax.
Adopted in 2003; readopted in 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019, and 2023.

C. STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- § 1. CURRICULUM CONTENT.** NDSBA shall oppose state or national efforts to further define and mandate specific curriculum content.
Adopted in 2011; readopted in 2015, 2019, and 2023.

- § 2. NORTH DAKOTA STATE STANDARDS.** NDSBA shall support the ongoing implementation of North Dakota State Standards.
Adopted in 2014; amended and readopted in 2018; and readopted in 2022.

D. PERSONNEL

- § 1. BUSINESS MANAGER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.** School boards support the Business Manager Certification Program by providing financial support through the use of school district funds to encourage business managers to participate in this voluntary professional development opportunity.
Adopted in 2012; readopted in 2016, 2020, and 2024.
- § 2. SIGN-ON BONUSES.** NDSBA shall support legislation expanding the criteria for eligible individuals who can receive sign-on bonuses under the School Board authority provision granted in North Dakota Century Code 15.1-09-33.1.
Adopted in 2022.

E. NEGOTIATIONS

- L 1. DEADLINE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.** NDSBA shall support legislation that would require and/or encourage contract negotiations to be pursued in good faith, diligently, and within a reasonable period of time in order to have an agreement reached between the school board and recognized representative organization by a specified deadline or impasse will be automatically declared.
Adopted in 2020.
- § 2. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.** NDSBA shall oppose legislation mandating school boards to collectively bargain with employees other than those currently required by 15.1-16-01: "...public school employee(s) licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as a classroom teacher."
Adopted in 2008; readopted in 2012, 2016, 2020, and 2024.
- § 3. REMOVING COMPENSATION FROM NEGOTIATIONS.** NDSBA shall support legislation amending the collective bargaining law to exclude compensation.
Adopted in 2007; readopted in 2011, 2015, 2019, and 2023.

F. PROGRAM

- § 1. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.** NDSBA shall work with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, and the North Dakota Congressional Delegation to encourage the USDA to amend their federal regulations related to the School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and "a la carte" food sales to allow for local control.
Adopted in 2012; amended and readopted in 2016; and readopted in 2020 and 2024.

G. BOARD AUTHORITY AND BOARD MEETINGS

- § 1. POSTING OF BILLS IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT.** NDSBA shall support state law changes to allow school districts the flexibility to post their bills using an electronic format such as the district's Website.
Adopted in 2004; amended and readopted in 2008; readopted in 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024.
- § 2. PUBLISHING REQUIREMENTS.** NDSBA shall support legislation to provide flexibility and reduced-cost or cost-free options to school districts in meeting the publishing requirements set forth by North Dakota Century Code that include, but are not limited to, records of board proceedings, notices, call for bids, and annual reports.
Adopted in 1991, amended and readopted in 1995 and 1999; amended and readopted in 2003; re-adopted in 2007; amended and readopted in 2011; readopted in 2015 and 2019; and amended and readopted in 2023.

D 4. **TAXING AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS.** NDSBA shall oppose any attempts to further limit or eliminate the taxing authority of school districts.
Adopted in 2005; readopted in 2009 and 2013; amended and readopted in 2017, and readopted in 2021.

H. PRIVATE SCHOOLS/CHARTER SCHOOLS

S 1. **PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION.** NDSBA supports the preservation of public dollars for public schools and opposes legislation diverting public dollars to non-public schools through the implementation of funding mechanisms such as voucher programs, education savings accounts, and tax credit scholarship programs.
Adopted in 2024.

I. ELECTIONS

There are no standing resolutions in this category at this time.

J. NDSBA

There are no standing resolutions in this category at this time.

K. MISCELLANEOUS

There are no standing resolutions in this category at this time.

FORMAT TO SUBMIT PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO NDSBA:

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE _____ SCHOOL BOARD

A resolution to [wording of resolution]

WHEREAS,

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[explanatory and rationale statements]

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that NDSBA [restating of resolution language]

[signature]

[title]

[address]

[city, state, zip]

[phone number]

