Tier II Pension Reform (Resolutions Committee recommends to adopt)

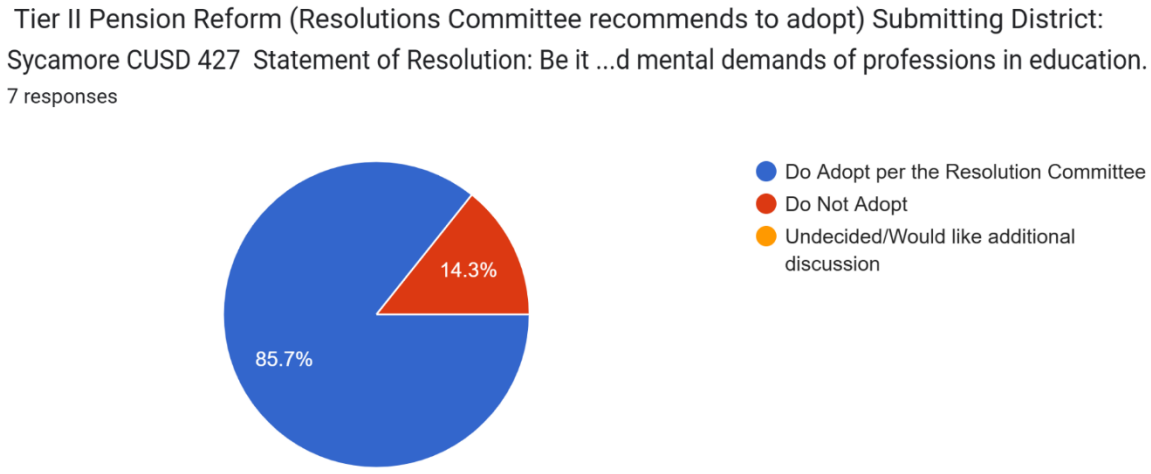
Submitting District: Sycamore CUSD 427

Statement of Resolution: Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall urge the Illinois General Assembly and Governor to enact legislative remedies, that at a minimum include the plan proposed in Senate Bill 1937 (104th General Assembly), to modernize the traditional Tier II pension system. Such legislation must ensure fiscal stability and workforce equity by enacting changes that:

• Fix the Automatic Annual Increase Formula: Replace the current capped Tier II formula with an annual adjustment that at minimum tracks the rate of inflation. This change ensures that baseline benefits keep proper pace with the actual cost of living, permanently eliminating the risk of a federal Safe Harbor violation.

• Align Pensionable Salary Limits and Calculations: Reduce the quantity of years used in the final average salary calculator and calibrate the maximum pensionable salary caps to the Social Security wage base. Such improvements establish longterm equity with federal retirement standards, preventing the deterioration of retirement security for career public servants.

• Reduce the Statutory Retirement Age: Lowers the standard retirement age for Tier II educators and educational support staff from 67 to an equitable and realistic age, such as age 65 with 10 years of service, or Age 62 with maximum years of service. This adjustment better reflects the true physical and mental demands of professions in education.



Amendment to Existing Position Statement 2.12: Local Tax Collection and Distribution (Resolutions Committee recommends to adopt)

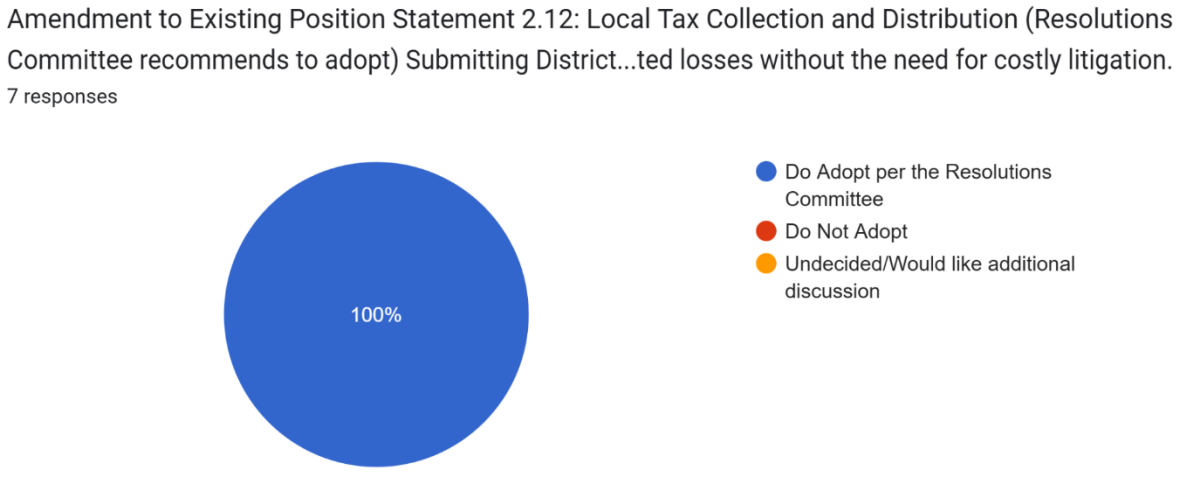
Submitting District: Mount Prospect SD 57

Amendment to the existing position statement

Current Position Statement 2.12: The Illinois Association of School Boards shall seek legislation to amend the tax code, or other prescriptive procedures, to minimize the punitive effects of delinquent collection and disbursement to districts of tax moneys raised by local levy. In the event tax monies are not collected or disbursed as required by State law, it shall be the county's obligation to reimburse the taxing district for any loss incurred. (Adopted 1996; Amended 1999)

Proposed Amendment to Position Statement 2.12 added to Current Position Statement 2.12

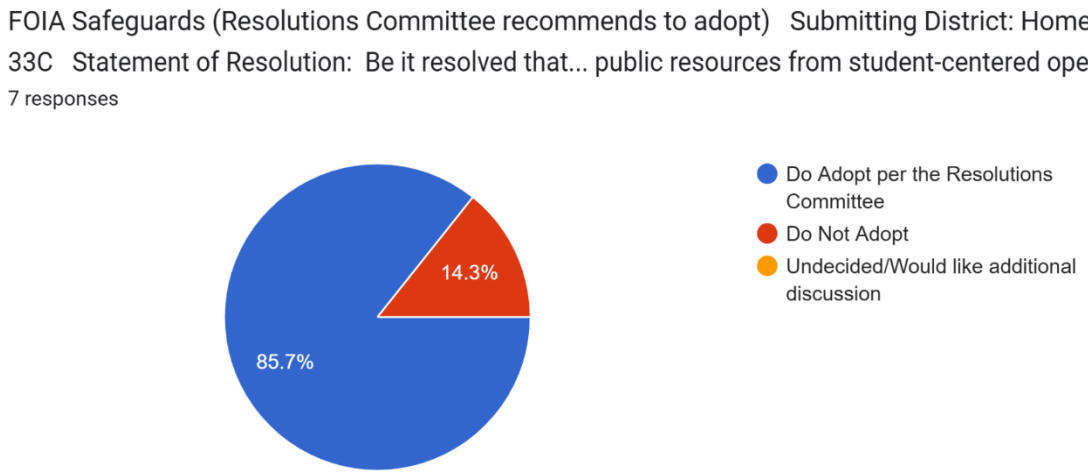
Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall further seek legislation establishing a uniform process for reporting delayed tax collections and distributions, determining financial losses incurred by taxing districts, and requiring timely reimbursement when tax monies are not collected or disbursed as required by State law. Such legislation should provide clear accountability measures, transparency in the reporting of delays, and an administrative process through which taxing districts may recover documented losses without the need for costly litigation.



FOIA Safeguards (Resolutions Committee recommends to adopt)

Submitting District: Homer CUSD 33C

Statement of Resolution:
Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall advocate for amendments to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140) to preserve public access to records while establishing reasonable safeguards against abusive, fraudulent, automated, or unduly burdensome requests by: (i) permitting public bodies to require reasonable verification that a requester is a real person submitting a valid request; (ii) authorizing limited identity verification when there is a reasonable basis to question the legitimacy of a request and ensure that the requester is within the state; (iii) clarifying standards for narrowing, batching, or denying requests that are duplicative, automated, harassing, or unduly burdensome; (iv) expanding authority for public bodies to recover reasonable costs associated with excessive staff time, data extraction, redaction, and review; and (v) strengthening protections for school districts against serial or bad-faith misuse of FOIA that diverts time, personnel, and public resources from student-centered operations.



School Board Elections – Nominating Petition Signatures (Resolutions Committee does not recommend adoption)

Submitting District: Creve Coeur SD 76

Statement of Resolution:
Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall support legislative action to reduce nominating petition signature requirements for School Board Candidates from 50 voters or 10% of voters, whichever is less, to 25 voters or 5% of voters, whichever is less.

- Do Adopt - 2
- Do Not Adopt per the Resolutions Committee - 4
- If Do Not Adopt, Should the Delegate Assembly Reconsider (Yes or No) - 2
- YES - 1
- NO - 2
- If Reconsidered, should be adopted by the Delegate Assembly - 1
- Undecided/would Like additional Discussion - 0

School Meals and Fee Waiver Eligibility (Resolutions Committee does not recommend adoption)

Submitting District: Homer CUSD 33C

Statement of Resolution:
Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall advocate for amendments to Illinois law governing eligibility determinations for free and reduced-price school meals and school fee waivers to strengthen local school district authority to verify applicant eligibility, audit income documentation, investigate suspected fraudulent claims, and revoke benefits obtained through material misrepresentation, while preserving access for eligible students and protecting student dignity. Such amendments should authorize school districts to conduct reasonable audits of household applications, require supporting income documentation where fraud is suspected, establish clearer penalties for intentional misrepresentation, and provide districts with the authority to recover improperly waived fees or improperly granted benefits in cases of verified fraud.

- Do Adopt - 1
- Do Not Adopt per the Resolutions Committee - 6
- If Do Not Adopt, Should the Delegate Assembly Reconsider (Yes or No) - 2
- YES - 2
- NO - 0
- If Reconsidered, should be adopted by the Delegate Assembly - 1
- Undecided/would Like additional Discussion - 0