

Advocacy Resolution

Please note:

- Your district may propose a new resolution or a resolution adopted by a previous Delegate Assembly. **Resolutions must be submitted on this form.** Attachments will not be considered.
- Express each proposal as a **short, simple sentence of 25 words or less** stating the position you wish TASB to take regarding a matter of interest to your school district.
- Use copies of this form if submitting more than one resolution.
- Express **in paragraph form** your district’s rationale for the proposed resolution in the “statement of reasons” section below.
- The language of the proposal and rationale will be edited for length, style, and clarity. Substantive changes in the language of the proposed resolution or amendment shall be referred to the district for approval by a district representative.
- Similar submissions will be combined, with the consent of the submitting districts. Each district will then appear as a cosponsor of the combined proposal.

Proposed resolution: TASB advocates for **legislation addressing the mental health needs and school safety of our children.**

Statement of reasons: According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), those at greatest risk of serious emotional disturbances and/or mental illness are children and adolescents who have been involved in a traumatic event at their young age. Students must feel safe and be mentally healthy in order to learn and meet their full potential. Students are experiencing greater anxiety, fear, depression and a lack of coping skills. Additionally, school counselors, social workers and school psychologists across the nation are seeing an increase in suicide ideation. The academic needs of students cannot be separated from the social, emotional and behavioral needs of students and vice-versa.

I hereby certify that the above proposed resolution was approved by our board on _____.
(Date of meeting)

Board president’s signature _____

Name of school district _____

County-district number _____

Please e-mail your board’s proposed resolution(s) by June 17, 2019, to Athena Frangeskou with TASB Governmental Relations at athena.frangeskou@tasb.org.