

IASB RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1. Data Equity: “Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall support legislation allowing non-unit districts to enter into agreements to share student data to the same extent and with the same ease as unit districts.”

Rationale: Schools in a unit district may freely share student data with all other schools in the district. In contrast, schools within a non-unit district may freely share student data only with other schools in the same non-unit district. This means that non-unit district elementary schools in a community cannot freely share data about its students with non-unit district high schools in the same community, and vice versa. Legislation allowing non-unit districts to enter into agreements to have student data sharing rights that are equal to those of unit districts would help non-unit districts better use predictive analytics and other innovative statistical techniques across the eighth grade/ninth grade border to improve the quality of education in their districts.

Resolution 2. Local Longitudinal Data Systems: “Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall support legislation allowing local districts to enter into the necessary student data sharing agreements to build, maintain, and utilize local longitudinal data systems in order to improve their student outcomes including college and career success.”

Rationale: Local longitudinal data systems have the potential to enhance research at the local and state level as they will provide local districts with the information they need to improve student outcomes and they will provide the state, which has committed a large investment in the Illinois Longitudinal Data System, with models of proven success on which to base statewide initiatives.