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2018 Resolutions Process

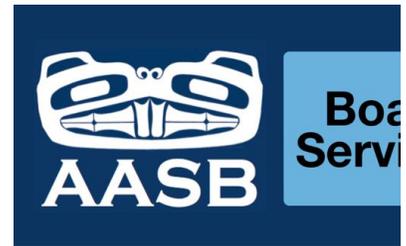
Date: August 9, 2017

Re: Call for Resolutions (**Response due by Oct. 11, 2017**)

AASB is soliciting resolutions and comments from local school boards for consideration at the 2017 Annual Conference on Nov. 9-12 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. These resolutions guide our association for the coming year beginning November 13, 2017. They also guide our advocacy and positions during the upcoming legislative session.

Looking ahead to 2018, the 30th State Legislature and Governor Walker will continue to try to sort out a fiscal plan. Education issues such as a focus on the BSA will continue to be a primary concern. The State Board of Education and Commissioner Johnson will continue to move forward with the state strategic plan for education and Alaska's Education Challenge which AASB has helped to facilitate. AASB continues to work closely with DEED in trying to move Alaskan education forward so that every student can receive an excellent education everyday. As you review the resolutions packet, please think about the issues facing your district and possibly others across the state and our role in

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS



advocating for quality public education through effective local governance.

The AASB Board of Directors at its July 2017 meeting in Cordova reviewed the current resolutions and those scheduled to sunset. The board developed three new resolution proposals for the membership to consider for 2018. **The following documents are attached to this email (below):**

- [2018-Where-We-Stand-draft-#1.doc](#)
- [2017_Table_of_Sunsetting Resolutions.pdf](#)
- [AASB_BOD_Proposed_Resolutions_2018.pdf](#)
- [AASB_Resolution_Form_Fillable.pdf](#)
- [AASB_2018_Resolution Process_and_Timeline.pdf](#)

At its July 2017 board meeting, the AASB Board approved recommending the renewal of all 35 resolutions that are scheduled to sunset this year. A list of those resolutions is included in a separate document (2017_Table_of_Sunsetting Resolutions.pdf).

The AASB board also voted to approve recommending three new resolutions for the membership to consider. These are provided in a separate document (AASB_BOD_Proposed_Resolutions_2018.pdf)

- **1.10 (New) Urging The National School Boards Association (NSBA) To Create A Designated Seat On The NSBA Board Of Directors For A Member Of The Caucus Of American Indians/Alaska Natives.**
- **4.16 (New) Supporting Effective Pedagogy in Alaska**
- **5.23 (New) Supporting Innovation and Collaboration to Improve Student Achievement for All Alaskan Students**

Your school board may wish to comment on these proposed resolutions. You board may also comment on any existing resolutions or submit new resolutions or amendments. Remember,

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Fall Boardmanship Academy](#)
September 23 -
September 24

[Charter School Academy](#)
October 13 -
October 14

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October 19

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only the title and resolution are voted on by the membership, not the rationale. We do welcome comments about rationale.

With the Congressional approval of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in 2015, AASB staff has highlighted 3 resolutions we suggest boards review. ESSA provided for some major changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in regard to English Language Learners, local control and the Alaska Education Act. AASB staff will provide some additional information for boards to use when considering these issues and how well our current resolutions align with the new federal law. The yellow highlighted resolutions are:

- **5.3 NATIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**
- **5.9 URGING FLEXIBILITY IN TESTING TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**
- **5.12 URGING CONTINUATION OF THE ALASKA NATIVE EDUCATION ACT**

In order to comment or put forward suggested resolution changes, **AASB requests that your board schedule time to discuss the resolutions at a regular meeting and vote by official board action.** The board has amended its bylaws to give districts more time to meet and discuss the AASB resolutions. **The new deadline** specified by our bylaws for AASB to receive your comments and proposals) **is October 11.**

Beginning this year, we are asking that all submissions of comments, new resolutions or amended resolutions be submitted digitally **via email by the date specified above.** A new PDF fillable form is included for your use and aid in convention when submitting new or amended resolutions. Each board should also send accompanying documentation such as a cover letter from the board president stating when the board took official action on the resolutions.

All resolutions received will be compiled and a complete set of resolutions containing proposals from districts will be sent back to your board 20 days before the annual conference, or by Oct. 21,

2017. If you have any questions regarding the resolutions, please contact Lon Garrison or Norm Wooten at 463-1660 or at lgarrison@aasb.org or nwooten@aasb.org

Address your district's proposed resolutions and/or amendments to:

Resolutions Committee at aasb@aasb.org

A webinar is scheduled for **Wednesday September 13, 2017 at noon AST** with AASB staff to review the process and answer any questions you may have.

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