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Dear School Board Member:

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is calling upon school boards to submit Advocacy Resolutions to update the 2008–10 TASB Advocacy Agenda and, therefore, its position on issues during the interim of the 81st Regular Session of the Texas Legislature.

The Advocacy Agenda—the plan of action TASB pursues during the legislative biennium—consists of two parts:

- Advocacy Priorities—proactive legislative goals arising from TASB’s grassroots process.
- Advocacy Resolutions—reactive stances guiding TASB’s responses to other issues that might arise before the Legislature and other governmental entities.

Midway through the TASB Advocacy Agenda biennium, TASB calls on school districts across the state to submit resolutions for inclusion in or to amend current items in the Advocacy Agenda.

Now TASB is providing your district the opportunity to submit resolutions for the 2008–10 Advocacy Agenda. **Resolution proposals will be accepted until July 1, 2009.**

Proposals submitted after the July 1 deadline will be considered on an emergency basis only. Emergencies are defined not by the seriousness of the subject but by whether or not the issue was triggered by an event occurring after the deadline for submission. Each proposed resolution submitted after the deadline must be accompanied by a statement describing the nature of the emergency.

Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and then by the TASB Board. In October, the TASB Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions for inclusion in the 2008–10 Advocacy Agenda. The agenda will continue to be in effect for the current biennium, which ends with the conclusion of the 2010 Delegate Assembly. TASB’s current Advocacy Agenda is posted on line at www.tasb.org/issues/advocacy_agenda/.

Each resolution proposed by your board should be submitted using the enclosed form. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dax Gonzalez
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TASB Governmental Relations
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Advocacy Resolution

Please note:

- Your district may propose a **new** Advocacy Resolution or an **amendment** of a resolution adopted by a previous Delegate Assembly for the current legislative biennium.
- Express each proposal as a **short, simple sentence of 25 words or less** stating TASB's desired position regarding a matter of interest to school districts throughout Texas. Use copies of this form if submitting more than one position or amendment.
- Express in **paragraph form using 100 words or less** your district's rationale for the proposal in the Statement of Reasons blank below. If appropriate, estimate the financial impact this would have on your district's budget. Financial estimates will not be published but will help guide TASB's advocacy efforts.
- The language of the proposal and rationale will be edited for length, style, clarity, and factual accuracy. Substantive changes in the language of the proposed resolution or amendment shall be referred to the district for approval by a board officer. 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 shall (support, oppose) _____

Statement of reasons: _____

Financial impact estimate: _____

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 return your board's proposed resolution(s) by July 1, 2009, to the following address:

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