



**Texas Association of School Boards**

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Dear School Board Member:

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is calling upon school boards to submit new Advocacy Resolutions that will help shape the TASB Advocacy Agenda and, therefore, its position on issues during the 81<sup>st</sup> 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—a defined set of proactive legislative goals arising from TASB's grassroots process.

Advocacy resolutions—reactive stances guiding TASB's response to other issues that might arise before the legislature and other governmental entities.

Every two years, the TASB Advocacy Agenda process begins anew and all current priorities and resolutions are retired. This past winter, TASB hosted regional grassroots meetings to begin the process of determining the Association's priorities for the coming biennium.

Now TASB is providing your district the opportunity to suggest resolutions for the 2008-2010 Advocacy Agenda. Resolution proposals will be accepted until July 1, 2008. 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 September, the TASB Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions for inclusion in the new Advocacy Agenda.

The 2008-10 agenda will be in effect for the biennium beginning with the conclusion of the 2008 Delegate Assembly and ending with the conclusion of the 2010 Delegate Assembly.

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

Sincerely,

Dax Gonzalez  
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** your district's rationale for the proposal in the Statement of Reasons blank below.
- 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Statement of reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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, 2008, to the following address:

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