



**Texas Association of School Boards**

P.O. Box 400 • Austin, Texas 78767-0400 • 512.467.0222  
12007 Research Blvd. • Austin, Texas 78759-2439 • [www.tasb.org](http://www.tasb.org)

*Serving Texas Schools Since 1949*

*Susan Esparza*  
APR 14 2014  
Secretary to Superintendent

April 1, 2014

Dear School Board Member:

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) invites your school board to submit resolutions to be included in the 2014–16 Advocacy Agenda.

The TASB Advocacy Agenda consists of two parts:

- Advocacy Priorities—a set of legislative goals arising from TASB’s grassroots process
- Advocacy Resolutions—district-submitted stances guiding TASB’s response to other issues that might arise before the Legislature and other governmental entities

Any adopted resolutions will replace current resolutions in TASB’s 2012–14 Advocacy Agenda, which expires when the new agenda is approved at the 2014 TASB Delegate Assembly. The agenda will guide the Association’s advocacy activities during the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

Resolution proposals will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2014. 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 that occurred after the deadline or that prevented the district from submitting resolutions in a timely manner. 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 2014 Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions that will form half of the new Advocacy Agenda. The 2014–16 agenda will be in effect until the conclusion of the 2016 Delegate Assembly and may be amended by the 2015 Delegate Assembly.

Each proposed resolution should be adopted by your board and submitted using the enclosed form. An electronic version of the form, the current Advocacy Agenda, and more information may be found at [gr.tasb.org](http://gr.tasb.org). Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dax Gonzalez  
TASB Governmental Relations  
800.580.4885

# 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 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 section 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 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 (supports, opposes) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of reasons:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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, fax, or mail your board's proposed resolution(s) by July 1, 2014, to:

**TASB Resolutions Committee**  
c/o Dax Gonzalez, Governmental Relations  
Texas Association of School Boards  
P.O. Box 400  
Austin, Texas 78767-0400  
Fax: 512.476.3096  
Phone: 800.580.4885  
E-mail: [dax.gonzalez@tasb.org](mailto:dax.gonzalez@tasb.org)