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**External Message**

Dear Members,

New resolutions or amendments to our current resolutions require a vote of our Member Districts. The Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) is submitting two (2) new resolutions for your consideration. OCSBA Bylaws require at least forty (40) calendar days for Member Districts to vote. Therefore, **the window for your Board of Education to vote will close on Friday, January 9, 2026.**

Included in this email are the following documents:

- The proposed new resolutions with rationale for the additions; and
- One (1) ballot for the proposed additions to the Association Resolutions

If you have questions regarding the proposed changes, please contact Stefanie Crane at 248-835-5062 or [scrane@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:scrane@clarkston.k12.mi.us).

Thank you to the committee members for their work on this: Tony Austin (Lamphere), Stefanie Crane (Clarkston), Carol Finkelstein (Oakland Schools), and Marc Siegler (Walled Lake).

The Board of Directors  
Oakland County School Boards Association



cc: District Executive Assistants and Superintendents

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Resolutions that are approved by at least nineteen (19) member school districts shall be the official position of the association as interpreted and pursued by its board of directors.

## TWO (2) PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTIONS

### Proposed new resolution #1:

OCSBA supports non-partisan school board elections.

### Rationale for proposed new resolution #1:

This proposed resolution is in response to HB 4588 that is now moving through the state House.

Link to the bill: <https://legislature.mi.gov/Bills/Bill?ObjectName=2025-HB-4588>

Partisan school board elections will:

- Decrease the number of willing candidates, and
- Increase campaign costs (school board members would have to be successful in two elections – a primary election as well as the November election), and
- Align local education decisions with party interests rather than student needs, and
- Exclude thousands of current or potential board members, including federal employees, who are legally prohibited from running in partisan races.

### Bill history to date:

#### History

(House actions in lowercase, Senate actions in UPPERCASE)

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Date	Journal	Action
6/10/2025	HJ 55 Pg. 679	introduced by Representative Rep. Jason Woolford
6/10/2025	HJ 55 Pg. 679	read a first time
6/10/2025	HJ 55 Pg. 679	referred to Committee on <a href="#">Election Integrity</a>
6/11/2025	HJ 56 Pg. 690	bill electronically reproduced 06/10/2025
10/28/2025	HJ 103 Pg. 0	<a href="#">reported with recommendation with substitute (H-1)</a>
10/28/2025	HJ 103 Pg. 0	referred to second reading

### Proposed new resolution #2:

OCSBA supports full funding of Early On Michigan, an early intervention program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three with disabilities, developmental delays or are at risk for delay(s) due to certain health conditions.

## **Rationale for proposed new resolution #2:**

This resolution is proposed because we need to shine a light on the importance of early intervention programs such as *Early On Michigan*, and the need for additional state funding to adequately serve the families of children already identified as eligible, and to serve all children who *should be* identified as eligible.

The Michigan Mandatory Special Education law (or MMSE) requires special education services be provided for eligible children and students from birth through age 25. Federal law also mandates early intervention programs.

- Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) refers to special education services for students ages 3 through 21.
- Part C of IDEA refers to early intervention services for eligible infants and toddlers from birth through age 2.
  - In Michigan, Part C is called *Early On*.
- Special education supports and services for students age 22 through 25 is part of MMSE.

OCSBA has always supported early childhood education. The earlier the intervention begins, the greater the impact.

*Early On* is Michigan's statewide, comprehensive, coordinated interagency system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers, birth to age three years with disabilities and their families. *Early On* is coordinated by the Michigan Department of Education and provides services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Local communities receive funding through their local Intermediate School District (ISD) to implement *Early On*. Each local ISD jurisdiction has an interagency coordinating council (comprised of individuals from human service agencies, parents, educators, and other agency personnel who serve families) that guides implementation locally. Implementation is also guided through local memoranda of understanding between education, mental health, public health, and social services.

For 50 years we have advocated for IDEA funding for students. The congressional promise to fund 40% of the cost of providing special education services applies to Part B (children age 3 to 21) -and- to Part C (early intervention services infants and toddlers through age 2). While we continue to advocate for federal funding, state funding for woefully lacking for *Early On*:

- The estimated annual cost is \$230M to provide high-quality early intervention services.
- The state should appropriate *at least* \$138M (60% of the estimated annual cost).
- Section 54d of the FY26 School Aid Act provides state funding of \$48M.

For additional information on Early On Michigan visit:

[https://earlyonfoundation.org/Files/Resources/EO Case for Funding FY26 w taskforce.docx.pdf](https://earlyonfoundation.org/Files/Resources/EO_Case_for_Funding_FY26_w_taskforce.docx.pdf)

# CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

## THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY OUR MEMBERS THE ADOPTION AND/OR AMENDMENT DATE(S) ARE NOTED FOR EACH RESOLUTION

### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports holding every school that receives public funding to the same accountability and transparency standards, including FOIA requests and the Open Meetings Act. This includes local districts, ISDs, Public School Academies (aka Charter Schools), their authorizers and management companies, as well as all colleges and universities. [MASB Resolution A 6.65 (c), (d), (f)]

### **BROADBAND ACCESS AND DEVICES** [OCSBA Adopted 9/11/2021; Amended 6/5/2025]

- Broadband should be included in any federal or state infrastructure plan.
- OCSBA supports additional federal and state funding opportunities to expand affordable and reliable broadband access.
- OCSBA supports federal and state programs for the purchase of internet capable devices and software.
- OCSBA supports dedicated resources for cybersecurity.

[MASB Resolution A-10.30 – 2021 amendment]

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- OCSBA supports additional new dollars to fund universal, public preschool for all four year old children.
- OCSBA supports mandatory kindergarten for all five-year-old children.

[MASB Resolution A 6.15 (c)]

### **EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports evidence-based education policy that will maximize opportunities for the highest achievement of each student. [MASB Resolution G 11.01]

### **LAME DUCK** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports lame duck parameters that will address introduction and accelerated passage of legislation after the November election.

### **LOCAL CONTROL** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

Support local control of community-governed public schools with elected school boards.

- Help staff identify potential mental health issues for students.
- Encourage MDE to develop a model policy for staff regarding identifying mental health issues and appropriate staff response.

[ MASB Resolution A 10.10; A 10.55; A 12.70]

## **MENTAL HEALTH** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports increased mental health services and professionals in schools and providing, at a minimum, annual inflation adjusted state resources to allow schools to both educate and keep students and staff safe.

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- Encourage MDE to develop a model policy for staff regarding identifying mental health issues and appropriate staff response.

[MASB Resolutions G 9.01; G 9.05; G 9.50]

## **SCHOOL AID** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- A. Specify that the School Aid Fund is only for Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade public education in Michigan's Constitution and oppose any attempts to create private school vouchers or tax credit programs. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (a) and A 10.05]
- B. Support additional funding for Special Education, At-Risk and ELL students. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (g) and (j); A 10.55]
- C. Protect the School Aid Fund and local revenues from state tax policy changes. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (c); A 10.55]
- D. OCSBA supports enacting the annual School Aid Budget no later than June 1, so that school districts have factual information to meet their constitutional/statutory requirement to approve a budget by June 30.

[MASB Resolution A 10.25 (h)]

## **SCHOOL FINANCE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (SFRC)**

[OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 9/11/2021; 3/3/2023; 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports implementation of the recommendations of the SFRC. While implementing the SFRC recommendations, higher funded districts must be held harmless.

[MASB resolution G 11.01 and A-10.25 – 2021 amendment]

## **SCHOOL NUTRITION** [OCSBA Adopted 3/3/2023; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports codification of free universal meals.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY** [OCSBA Adopted 3/3/2023]

OCSBA supports that there be adequate state resources to allow schools to both educate and keep students and staff safe.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports full funding of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Although federal legislation initially promised to provide 40 percent of the excess cost to educate students with disabilities, the appropriations have fallen short, leaving states and local school districts to make up the difference. [MASB Resolution A 5.01; NSBA Advocacy: IDEA]

## **TEACHER SHORTAGES** [OCSBA Adopted 9/11/2021; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports statewide initiatives to address teacher shortages and retain teachers, while maintaining quality teacher preparation programs. Initiatives might include, but should not be limited to, incentives to enter and complete a teaching college program, incentives for teachers to remain in the classroom, and easing the process to obtain Michigan certification for teachers that are certified in other states. [MASB 2021-2022 Legislative Priority]

**UNFUNDED MANDATES** [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA Opposes any state or federal legislation that results in increased costs for school districts without full funding. OCSBA also encourages the Michigan Legislature to oppose any federal laws or programs that are not fully funded thus costing the state valuable resources.

[MASB Resolution A 10.20]

**WHEN ALIGNED WITH OCSBA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, OCSBA ALSO SUPPORTS**

[OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- The National School Boards Association (NSBA) Legislative Agenda
- The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Legislative Agenda
- The Oakland County Superintendents Association (OCSA) Legislative Agenda
- The Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) Legislative Agenda

**LINKS:** MASB Resolutions: <https://www.masb.org/resolutions.aspx>  
NSBA Advocacy: <https://www.nsba.org/Advocacy>  
COSSBA Advocacy: <https://www.cossba.org/advocacy>

# Member District Ballot

## 2026 Resolutions



**Introduction.** Annually, the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Government Relations Committee (GRC) establishes Legislative Priorities for the current legislative session. The Resolutions and Bylaws Committee then reviews the adopted legislative priorities and drafts new resolutions &/or amendments to previously adopted resolutions based on those legislative priorities. When there is alignment with MASB and/or NSBA resolutions, the MASB/NSBA resolution information is referenced.

Once reviewed by the Board of Directors, the proposed resolutions are presented to our member districts for consideration. Member School Districts only vote on proposed new or amended resolutions; continuing resolutions are not subject to re-vote. Resolutions that are approved by at least nineteen (19) Member School Districts shall be the official position of the Association as interpreted and pursued by its Board of Directors. Each Member District receives one (1) vote on the proposed Resolutions.

**Voting Period.** The proposed resolutions, legislative priorities and a ballot were transmitted to every Member and all Member School District Executive Assistants on November 18, 2025. The voting period shall remain open for at least forty (40) calendar days. **Completed ballots must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026.**

**Important! This ballot must be completed, signed and returned to [OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org](mailto:OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org) prior to the deadline or your District's vote cannot be counted!** OCSBA bylaws Article III, Section 2: Member School District votes shall be recorded upon receipt of the completed resolution or ballot indicating the vote of the Member School District's Trustees. Member School District votes must be received prior to the deadline indicated on the ballot or resolution.

### DOES THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PROPOSED NEW &/OR AMENDED RESOLUTIONS AS PRESENTED?

The vote of the \_\_\_\_\_ School District  
*Insert District Name*

Board of Education on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
*Insert Meeting Date*

check one

☐ **YES.** The Board approves all proposed new resolutions as presented.

☐ **NO.** The Board does not approve all proposed new resolutions as presented.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the vote by the Board of Education.

**Signed by** (check one) ☐ Board Secretary -or- ☐ Executive Assistant to the Board of Education & Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

**Email your completed & signed ballot to [OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org](mailto:OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org)  
no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026**

Questions? Contact Stefanie Crane – [scrane@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:scrane@clarkston.k12.mi.us)