



Texas Association of School Boards

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Dear School Board Member:

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) invites your school board to submit new Advocacy Resolutions to be included in the 2012–14 Advocacy Agenda.

The Advocacy Agenda—the plan of action TASB pursues during the legislative biennium—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.

The current Advocacy Agenda will expire at the conclusion of the 2012 Delegate Assembly in Austin, so school districts are strongly encouraged to submit resolutions to help guide TASB’s advocacy efforts during the 83rd Legislative Session.

Resolution proposals will be accepted until midnight on July 2, 2012. Proposals submitted after the July 2 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 or otherwise 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 TASB Delegate Assembly will adopt approved resolutions for inclusion in the new Advocacy Agenda. The 2012–14 Agenda will be in effect until the conclusion of the 2014 Delegate Assembly.

Each proposed resolution should be adopted by your board and submitted using the enclosed form. An electronic version of the form and more information may be found at 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** Advocacy 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 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: _____

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 2, 2012, to the following address:

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