

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

The below resolution,
the Resolutions Committee recommends **DO ADOPT**.

1. School Bus Safety Funding

The following resolution received a “Do Adopt” recommendation from the Resolutions Committee. When it is presented to the Delegate Assembly, it will be put forth on a consent agenda. Delegates will have the opportunity to pull the resolution from the consent agenda for discussion on the floor about that resolution. If the resolution is not pulled from the consent agenda it will be put forth for a vote.

FINANCING PUBLIC EDUCATION – LOCAL

School Bus Safety Funding

Submitting District: Sycamore CUSD 427

Statement of Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Illinois Association of School Boards shall urge the Illinois General Assembly and Governor to enact legislation that:

1. Establishes a dedicated School Bus Safety Equipment Grant within the State Board of Education transportation line to provide financial assistance, subject to appropriation, for the verified incremental cost of factory-installed 3-point seat-belt systems on new or leased school buses purchased on or after July 1, 2031;
2. Creates a Small-District Waiver that extends the compliance deadline to July 1, 2034 for districts with a fall enrollment under 2,000 students or an Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) per pupil below the statewide median, unless and until full reimbursement funding is available;
3. Authorizes qualifying districts to use Transportation Fund bond proceeds or revolving lease agreements for the local cost-share without counting against the district's statutory debt limit; and
4. Directs the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to approve alternative, research-based occupant-protection technologies that may offer equal or greater safety at lower cost, giving districts flexibility to comply.

District Rationale: The 2025 enactment of Senate Bill 191 requires all newly acquired school buses to include lap-and-shoulder belts but provides no state appropriation for the added expense. Current vendor quotes show the belts add \$7,000 – \$18,000 per bus, a disproportionate burden for rural and low-EAV districts that replace only one or two buses per year. Without fiscal relief or additional time, smaller districts will be forced to divert limited education dollars away from classrooms or delay essential fleet turnover, undermining student safety goals. A needs-based grant paired with a narrow waiver window ensures:

- Equity – state support flows first to districts least able to absorb the mandate;
- Fiscal Responsibility – local cost participation and debt-limit flexibility encourage thoughtful fleet planning; and
- Safety – every Illinois student ultimately rides in a belt-equipped bus without sacrificing other critical programs.

Resolutions Committee Rationale: SB191 (now PA 104-0075), which requires all newly purchased school buses to be equipped with 3-point seat safety belts beginning July 1, 2031, is an unfunded mandate and could have a significant fiscal impact on districts. This resolution provides districts with various funding options to comply with this unfunded state mandate, extends the timeline for some school districts that may be disproportionately impacted, and would allow for alternatives to the mandate. This flexibility is beneficial for districts and would help districts balance this new safety requirement with local needs.



The Resolutions Committee recommends **DO ADOPT**.

This year, only one resolution was submitted and that resolution received a “Do Adopt” recommendation from the Resolutions Committee. Therefore, no resolutions received a “Do Not Present” or “Do Not Adopt” recommendation from the Resolutions Committee.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD DELEGATE DIRECTION (RESOLUTIONS)

Resolutions that received a "Do Adopt" Recommendation
from the IASB Resolutions Committee

All the below resolutions will be placed on a consent agenda for a vote during the IASB Delegate Assembly. If any are removed from the consent agenda, what is your board's direction as to whether the following resolutions should be adopted by the IASB Delegate Assembly?

Yes

No

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1. School Bus Safety Funding

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD DELEGATE DIRECTION (CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS)

Constitutional Amendments that received a "Do Adopt"
Recommendation from the Board of Directors

The IASB Board of Directors presents the following constitutional amendments to the Delegate Assembly. All items will be placed on a consent agenda for a vote during the IASB Delegate Assembly. Constitutional amendments must receive a two-thirds vote of all delegates present and voting for adoption. If any are removed from the consent agenda, what is your board's direction as to whether the following constitutional amendments should be adopted by the IASB Delegate Assembly?

Yes

No

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Item 1, Article II Membership, Sections 1-6 - REWRITTEN

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Item 2, Article III Delegate Assembly, Section 2 - Delegate Assembly

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Item 3, Article IV Elections, Section 1 - Nominations

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Item 4, Article IV Elections, Section 2 - Terms of Office

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Item 5, Article V Board of Directors, Section 2 - Composition

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Item 6, Article VII Committee, Section 3 - Nominating Committee

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Item 7, Article VIII: Divisions, Section 4 - Officers

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Item 8, Article IX Resolutions, Sections 2-7 - REWRITTEN

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Item 9, Article XI Miscellaneous, Section, 7 - Declared Emergencies

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Item 10, Article XII: Amendments, Section 2 - Proposals