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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING THE  
2012 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
All NYSSBA Positions for 2013 will be posted online next week.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY**

- NYSSBA opposes legislation permitting New York State parents the legal ability to convert a failing public school into a charter school by way of a “parent trigger” law. (2012)

**STATE AID**

- NYSSBA shall seek legislation to cause the state to abandon the state aid spending cap (based on personal income) for education. (2012)
- NYSSBA shall seek legislation to prevent a portion of state education aid from being directed to competitive performance grants. (2012)
- NYSSBA supports the provision of state aid for transportation of students in child safety zones for all school districts and when hazards of any type have been demonstrated to jeopardize student safety in walking to school. (2012)
- If gas exploration is to occur in New York State the legislature should enact school tax stabilization legislation. (2012)

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT**

- NYSSBA shall seek legislation to require the State of New York to fully fund the writing and scoring of all mandatory state tests for grades 3-8. (2012)
- Until such time as the federal No Child Left Behind Act is reauthorized with modified testing requirements for students with disabilities, the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for the federal restoration of the New York State Education Department’s past practice of providing testing modifications for such students with disabilities whose individualized education program’s (IEP) details are not congruent with the materials being tested. (2012)
- NYSSBA will facilitate efforts to allow BOCES and their component school districts to create a common calendar and include common bell schedules to allow for distance learning, shared programming and regional transportation. (2012)

- NYSSBA shall advocate for regulatory change which would permit local districts to determine whether seat-time in a course should be required for course credit and/or graduation requirements. (2012)
- NYSSBA shall advocate for the removal of obstacles to, and the expansion of digital learning opportunities as part of a public school education. (2012)
- NYSSBA supports the State Education Department in efforts to hold university schools of education accountable for the quality of teachers they produce as graduates. (2012)
- NYSSBA will call upon members of our State Legislature and the State Education Department to seek legislation and regulatory practices that will take immediate action to eliminate mandated standalone field testing practices in New York State. (2012)

## **LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

- NYSSBA supports the creation of a regional high school when locally determined to be educationally or fiscally appropriate by the local boards of education. (2012)
- NYSSBA shall seek legislation to allow contingency budgets under the property tax cap to be adjusted for growth in local tax base. (2012)

## **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

- NYSSBA shall seek legislation to repeal the obligation as set forth in that part of the Taylor Law's Triborough Amendment which requires school district to pay increments on salary schedules to members of employee organizations which are party to labor contracts after expiration of said agreements. (2012)
- The governor and state Legislature should reform the system of teacher discipline in a manner that:
  1. Establishes a state hearing panel to hear and decide 3020-a cases
  2. Authorizes school districts to terminate a tenured teacher without a 3020-a hearing if
    - a. they have been convicted of child abuse in an educational setting, or
    - b. their teaching certificate has been revoked by the State Education Department, or
    - c. they have failed to obtain permanent certification in the requisite time period
  3. Clarifies that teachers must cooperate in the school district investigation of 3020-a charges against them
  4. Eliminates paid suspension for teachers awaiting 3020-a proceedings, or caps the length of time they are paid

Requires teachers facing 3020-a hearings to disclose the nature of their defense prior to the hearing (2012)

- NYSSBA supports legislation to diminish the need for local school district teacher disciplinary hearings by strengthening the state process for revoking teacher certification. (2012)

## **NYSSBA LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

- NYSSBA opposes legislation expanding New York State's charter school law to allow for virtual charter schools. (2012)
- NYSSBA will advocate for and support holding a statewide referendum on or before 2017 to convene a New York State constitutional convention. (2012)

## **SCHOOL SAFETY**

- NYSSBA supports the requirement that New York State establish a framework to create a robust and comprehensive standard to proactively ensure the safe handling of student and staff information collected and transported by data collecting systems. (2012)