



New York State  
School Boards  
Association

# Position Statements *2025*







# Introduction

The position statements that guide the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) are outlined in the document that follows. These statements are introduced by member boards of education or NYSSBA's Board of Directors. Each fall during the Association's Annual Business Meeting, voting delegates adopt official positions, which lay the foundation for the Association's advocacy agenda and priorities.

Once adopted, each position remains a formal position for five years unless it is rescinded or the action the position calls for is accomplished.

*(Please note: the table of contents reflects the years the position statements were adopted.)*

The position statements direct the Association to advocate either for or against a wide variety of legislative and regulatory issues at both the state and federal level. In addition, some of the position statements are statements of principle or belief and therefore do not call for specific action.



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## I. SCHOOL GOVERNANCE AND AUTHORITY

1. NYSSBA supports legislation at the state and/or federal level that would allow and enhance the **sharing of services** amongst school districts and other municipalities. (2020)
2. NYSSBA opposes proposals to **raise the number of charter schools** authorized in the state. (2020)
3. NYSSBA opposes proposals to expand **mayoral control** to school districts beyond New York City. (2020)
4. NYSSBA supports legislation that would enable the Commissioner of Education to declare **alternate election arrangements** in cases where a disaster substantially interrupts a scheduled school board/budget vote. (2020)
5. NYSSBA supports legislation to authorize **bidirectional communication** between **New York school districts and the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS)**, to allow for the efficient query and transfer of student immunization data. (2020)
6. NYSSBA supports legislation to amend the education law to permit voters to **obtain absentee ballots** for school district elections and budget votes when such elections and budget votes are scheduled on a day which **coincides with a religious holiday** for such voters and to continue to permit districts to utilize the already existing option to alter the date of the election and budget vote if the uniform budget date falls on a religious holiday. (2021)
7. NYSSBA supports legislation to **amend the Open Meetings Law** (the "OML") to (a) provide enhanced opportunities for the conducting of business at a meeting of a public body **through the use of remote meeting technology**; (b) authorize committees of a public body to meet through the use of videoconferencing without a fixed location for the meeting, and (c) eliminate the requirement that a public body subject to the OML identify the location(s) from which a member of the public body will be attending the meeting remotely and eliminate the requirement that members of the public be accorded the right to attend such meetings at those remote locations. (2021)
8. NYSSBA supports updates to the Open Meetings Law to allow for School Board Trustees to **attend meetings remotely** via video conferencing **without disclosing their location and without permitting public in-person access** to an individual trustee's remote location. (2021)
9. NYSSBA supports legislative changes that **reduce the impact of New York State's charter schools on traditional districts**. (2022)
10. NYSSBA opposes legislation **expanding** New York State's charter school laws. (2022)
11. NYSSBA supports legislation to amend the Education Law to **standardize the deadlines for filing of candidate petitions** for the various categories of school districts. (2022)
12. NYSSBA will support legislation to establish the last date for candidates to file a petition after withdrawal of a candidate so that such date is sufficiently in advance of the date of an annual meeting to **provide school district clerks with enough time to prepare for the election**, including printing of machine-readable ballots and absentee ballots. (2022)
13. NYSSBA supports legislation that would provide **finalizing the ballot for positions** on a small city school district board on the day **after a 10-day period for filing and reviewing of any objections** to nominating petitions. (2022)



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14. NYSSBA supports legislation that would **align legal requirements** imposed upon small city school districts with those of **central, union free and common** school districts. (2022)
15. NYSSBA shall seek legislative changes to allow component school districts to hold the **BOCES administrative budget vote** and **BOCES board of education election** on a date of their own choosing **between April 16 and April 30**, rather than a single uniform date selected by the BOCES board of education president. (2022)
16. NYSSBA supports legislation that would require local **school district consent for new charter school applications** in districts with a large percentage of charter students. (2022)
17. NYSSBA opposes any legislative and regulatory **mandates** that would impose **new unfunded or underfunded mandates**. (2023)
18. NYSSBA supports legislation and regulatory changes at the state level that would **authorize school districts and BOCES to directly offer childcare**, as automatically licensed providers with processes that are acceptable for employment in public schools, if the school district or BOCES demonstrates a community need for such care and directly charges families for such care. Such care would be eligible for the same family subsidies as a traditional childcare facility. (2023)
19. NYSSBA supports legislation that would allow, but not require, New York **school districts to offer early voting** in the annual school budget vote and Board of Education election, consistent with early voting allowed in non-school-district elections in New York. (2023)
20. NYSSBA supports legislation that would **revise** New York's **school receivership law** to **remove punitive consequences** and provide a more supportive, equitable system for assisting schools and school districts in need of improvement. (2023)
21. NYSSBA opposes efforts to establish additional **school closure holidays** without **commensurate adjustments to the school calendar**. (2024)
22. NYSSBA supports legislation at the state level that would allow school districts whose **prekindergarten** programs are oversubscribed to show **enrollment preference** to students who are economically disadvantaged and/or are English language learners until such time as the programs become truly universal. (2024)





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## II. STATE AND FEDERAL AID

1. NYSSBA supports proposals to incorporate **pre-kindergarten funding** into the **school aid formulas** used for K-12 education. (2020)
2. NYSSBA opposes **mid-year state aid cuts** and advocates for additional funding from both the state and federal governments to compensate school districts for COVID-19 related expenses for the 2020-21 school year to allow for educational continuity and fiscal stability for school districts. (2020)
3. NYSSBA calls upon the state Legislature and the Governor to reform New York State education funding in accordance with the following **tenets to ensure adequate resources** to public schools in the State of New York by providing for:
  - a. **Adequacy** that provides sufficient resources to assure the opportunity for a sound basic education for all students; and
  - b. **Equity** to distribute a foundation level of state aid for every student that is based on the actual cost of providing a sound basic education that fairly compensates for differences in community costs, needs and resources while precluding municipalities from using state aid to replace local education resources; and
  - c. **Flexibility** to increase the percentage of operating aid so that boards of education retain the discretion to determine what educational programs best address local needs while local communities should not be restrained from determining the level of funding they will expend to support educational programs; and
  - d. **Predictability** based on timely passage of the state budget and stable funding distributed through a consistent, uniformly applied formula that would not require annual manipulation by the Legislature and that would facilitate long-term planning by school districts; and
  - e. **Clarity** by establishing a funding formula that is easily explained and understood. (2021)
4. NYSSBA supports proposals that would increase **state and federal reimbursements for school meals** to allow districts to provide nutritious meals and snacks to all students without causing an undue financial burden to school districts' budgets. (2021)
5. NYSSBA supports proposals that would **generate new state revenues** with the dedicated purpose of **funding education**. (2021)
6. NYSSBA supports state legislation that would evaluate the efficacy of, and require use of accurate, **recent data** in future implementation of **Foundation Aid**. (2021)
7. NYSSBA supports state aid eligibility for school districts that are obligated to pay **tuition reimbursement for unilateral private placements**. (2021)
8. NYSSBA supports a **comprehensive reform of the Foundation Aid Formula**. (2022)
9. NYSSBA supports **universal Pre-K fully funded** by New York State for 3- and 4-year-olds statewide. (2022)
10. NYSSBA supports a requirement that districts be **fully funded to employ** a sufficient number of **mental health professionals** (ex. social worker, school psychologist) to properly serve the needs of the students of the districts of New York State. (2022)
11. NYSSBA seeks to initiate legislation at the state or federal level that would provide **dedicated funding** to be allocated for **school safety measures including staffing**. (2022)
12. NYSSBA supports funding to expand New York State- and industry-approved and certified **career and technical education programs**. (2022)





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13. NYSSBA supports legislation that would assure **equitable full-day prekindergarten funding** for all New York school districts. (2022)
14. NYSSBA supports legislation at the state level to hold **school districts financially harmless** whenever they experience the unanticipated, significant loss of revenue due to tax certiorari cases or the **unexpected loss** of a significant portion of the value of their **taxable property**. (2023)
15. NYSSBA supports legislative proposals that would allow districts to adopt an **earlier start to the instructional year** with those dates being **eligible for state aid** and also allow for extending the school year beyond the last Regents exams. (2023)
16. NYSSBA supports preserving **Medicaid funding to school districts**, while also seeking to streamline associated reporting requirements and provide reimbursement for all required administrative costs. (2023)
17. NYSSBA supports **additional state and federal funding** which would be dedicated for **school safety programs, staff and equipment** and include prevention programs directed toward social emotional development and mental health programs. (2023)
18. NYSSBA supports proposals establishing additional **dedicated funding** for student **health and mental health services**. (2023)
19. NYSSBA supports the state providing **needs-based funding for dual enrollment** courses for students. (2023)
20. NYSSBA supports legislation that would fully fund **Universal Access to Free Meals** programs for every PreK-12 student within the State. (2023)
21. NYSSBA shall include as a legislative priority issue, **reforms to funding for charter schools** thereby removing the burden from districts and shifting the burden to New York State and federal sources. (2023)
22. NYSSBA supports legislation that would **increase the BOCES Career and Technical aidable salary cap** by connecting aid more closely with the actual cost of providing such services. (2024)
23. NYSSBA shall advocate for **timely decisions on school aid**. (2024)
24. NYSSBA supports **funding** for technology and related expenses for **smartphone regulation policies**, whether pursued by districts voluntarily or mandated by the state. (2024)
25. NYSSBA will advocate for additional **state and/or federal funding for the education of ELL (English Language Learner)** students in a manner that meaningfully reflects the increased costs associated with the instructional needs of these students and includes the regional cost index in its analysis of funding. (2024)
26. NYSSBA shall advocate for **direct funding assistance** to school districts for any student/s who enters a BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) program or **any affiliated career training program** resulting in a post-graduation license or certificate. (2024)
27. NYSSBA shall advocate for the **upward modification** of the inflexible, restrictive **per-pupil expenditure limits for the State Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program**, currently set at \$5,400, to mirror the same provisions allowable for the use of Statewide Universal Full Day Prekindergarten (SUFDPK). (2024)
28. NYSSBA will advocate for any publicly funded **study of the foundation aid formula**, performed by any organization, to **be required to be performed with transparency and meaningful public engagement**. (2024)



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## III. CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

1. NYSSBA shall advocate for an overhaul of the current, inadequate testing system to more accurately measure achievement in skills, knowledge and abilities, and it shall do this by:
  - a. Working collaboratively with the New York State Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department, superintendents, administrators and teachers to create tests that are **developmentally appropriate, of reasonable length and frequency**, and which avoid the unintended consequences of narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning and undermining school climate;
  - b. Insisting that **educators** throughout the State be **included** in all aspects of the **creation** of standardized tests; and
  - c. Demanding that district personnel be **permitted to examine test results, answer keys, and their students' responses** so that educators can better assess what each child is learning in relation to what is being taught and so that such tests can **truly inform instruction**. (2020)
2. NYSSBA supports proposals to provide resources to local school districts to **expand opportunities and capacity for online learning**, provided that they increase student opportunities and do not decrease current levels of instruction. (2020)
3. NYSSBA supports legislation that makes it clear that public school districts are not responsible for assessing the **substantial equivalency** of education delivered in nonpublic schools. (2020)
4. NYSSBA supports **state proposals affecting public education** that:
  - Provide **access** to programs that prepare students to be college-and-career-ready;
  - Achieve **equity** and adequacy in funding;
  - Promote **efficiency** and cost-effectiveness;
  - Advance **high expectations** for all students;
  - Embrace **innovative approaches** and assessments;
  - Foster **community engagement** and regional cooperation. (2021)
5. NYSSBA supports adding fully state funded **arts and music education as a common school branch** that should be incorporated into the public school curriculum to provide a more well-rounded education for children. (2022)
6. NYSSBA supports proposals that would make **kindergarten attendance mandatory**. (2023)
7. NYSSBA opposes any reduction to the requirements and/or **standards** related to **history and civics** in the NYS School Curriculum and advocates to keep Regents exams in U.S. History, Government and Global History as a requirement of end of year course work. (2023)
8. NYSSBA shall advocate for the State Education Department to **review and revise the NYSESLAT exam/criteria** to ensure a realistic, fair, and accurate annual assessment of each student's English language proficiency and service needs, eliminate double testing, and ensure exam administration causes minimal disruption to delivery of services to students. (2024)
9. NYSSBA shall advocate that the **State Education Department refrain from administering the NYSITELL and NYSESLAT exams** in the **computer-based format** until those tests have been properly vetted and field-tested to support that the computer-based format is appropriate, beneficial, valid, and reliable. (2024)
10. NYSSBA advocates for **the minimization of field testing** and school district **decision-making rights to refuse to participate** in field testing without penalty from the New York State Education Department. (2024)



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## IV. SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. NYSSBA supports legislation that makes it easier for districts to **recover attorney's fees** in legal cases related to special education where the **district is the prevailing party**. (2020)
2. NYSSBA supports legislation that would **shift the burden of proof** in special education **due process** complaints away from the district and back to the party seeking relief. (2020)
3. NYSSBA supports legislation that would provide funding for suggested (not mandated) state training and certification to provide **parent advocates** with knowledge and resources to support their advocacy work for parents and students in their attendance at **Committee on Special Education** meetings and hearings. (2020)
4. NYSSBA supports legislation that promotes the reduction in **costs** associated with an impartial hearing, independent evaluation requests and attorney fees associated with **due process claims**. (2020)
5. NYSSBA supports proposals that would allow students with disabilities to be **tested at their developmental age**. (2021)
6. NYSSBA supports **testing accommodations** for students with disabilities. (2022)
7. NYSSBA supports the adoption of legislation which would require the New York State Education Department to develop regulations providing **oversight over special education parent advocates** and rules of conduct and enforcement procedures for the same. (2022)
8. NYSSBA opposes shifting **financial responsibility for pre-school special education** from counties to school districts. (2023)
9. NYSSBA shall advocate for an **update to the rates** established for compensating providers for **preschool** services provided to **students with special needs/exceptionalities**. (2023)
10. NYSSBA supports changes to the laws and regulations regarding the provision of **preschool educational services** to special needs students, including section 4410, in order to **remove specific barriers** to the efficient and effective delivery of these services. (2023)

## V. TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES

1. NYSSBA supports revision of the **Child Safety Zone** statute [Education Law §3635-b] and implementing regulations of the State Education Department to establish a **more flexible and meaningful set of criteria** for the determination of a Child Safety Zone for which a school district may provide student transportation as an ordinary contingent expense. (2021)
2. NYSSBA calls upon the state Legislature and the Governor to **provide funding for assistance to school districts** to allow them to make and implement decisions in the **best interest of the global environment**, including and especially in the areas of facilities improvements, transportation, and upkeep. (2021)
3. NYSSBA supports legislation to fully **reimburse districts for all investments in electrical buses**, including all infrastructure. (2022)
4. NYSSBA supports a revision to transportation statutes to permit a School District to provide **aidable transportation** outside voter approved limits, so long as doing so would not result in an additional cost to the School District and would not displace any students otherwise entitled to transportation. (2022)



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5. NYSSBA shall advocate for the State to conduct **feasibility studies/ review** regarding utilities/infrastructure, logistical, and fiscal aspects of the **zero emission school vehicle mandate**, and to revise the mandate as the reviews/studies deem necessary. (2023)
6. NYSSBA supports legislation at the state and/or federal level for a **waiver for small and rural school districts** from the law that mandates that all school vehicles be **zero emission vehicles**. (2023)
7. NYSSBA supports the **repeal** of the law that mandates all school vehicles be **zero emission vehicles**. (2023)
8. NYSSBA supports **hybrid electric buses** as an **alternative option** to the New York State 100% zero-emission electric school bus (or ESB) **fleet mandate** by 2035. (2024)
9. NYSSBA shall urge the Governor of New York State, the New York State Legislature, and the New York State Education Department to prioritize the human resources, processes and programs that will **ensure school districts can receive necessary building permit within 6 months** of submission of capital improvement plans. (2024)
10. NYSSBA supports legislation at the state level to **allow** school districts to provide an **“opt out”/ declination to transportation services**. (2024)
11. NYSSBA supports legislation of the state that would provide for **sufficient funding through Building Aid** for the **construction of a new school** that would: (a) **replace** one or more outdated and **antiquated schools**; or (b) be **built to accommodate** increasing enrollment based on **population and enrollment** projection studies. (2024)
12. NYSSBA shall advocate for the **NY SWIMS Initiative to be extended** and expanded to include additional, enhanced, and targeted state funding specifically dedicated to **constructing pools in K-12 schools**, and for increased aid for operating, maintenance, and staffing costs associated with these facilities. This enhanced funding should be **built into the building aid formulas** to promote equitable and year-round access to swimming instruction for all students. (2024)

## VI. LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

1. NYSSBA seeks legislative and/or policy changes that would mandate local Industrial Development Agencies to **include** affected **school districts** in the development and/or extension of any Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (**PILOT**) **agreement(s)**. This inclusion must be initiated at the earliest possible stages of any PILOT consideration. (2020)
2. NYSSBA seeks legislative support to allow for more than one Board Member to simultaneously attend a New York State **Office of State Comptroller (OSC) audit exit conference**. (2020)
3. NYSSBA will work with the Office of the State Comptroller and other necessary policymakers to ensure that **Comptroller audits** are based on **statutory guidelines or provisions of state law**, rather than subjective standards and preferences. (2021)
4. NYSSBA supports legislation amending Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law to **permit school districts**, at their option, to be necessary parties to, with the right to negotiate **Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (“PILOT”) agreements**. (2022)
5. NYSSBA supports meaningful reforms to the **Tax Cap Levy Formula**. (2022)



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6. NYSSBA supports legislation to fully fund or reimburse school districts for **tax exemptions for veterans**. (2022)
7. NYSSBA supports amendments to the New York State General Municipal Law governing reserve funds to authorize school districts to be able to borrow from one or more of their existing **reserve funds** in order to cover **temporary cashflow shortfalls** attendant to the annual **delay between the levy and collection of taxes**. (2022)
8. NYSSBA supports raising the allowable **undesignated fund balance** for school districts. (2022)
9. NYSSBA supports legislation that allows the date of the **annual reorganizational meeting** to be **on or before the Monday following the 20th of July**. (2023)
10. NYSSBA supports legislation to **exempt** expenditures related to **school safety** from the **tax cap**. (2023)
11. NYSSBA supports legislation that would substantially **increase the earning limitations** for retired police and other law enforcement officers who are serving as **school resource or safety officers**. (2023)
12. NYSSBA supports legislation to **exempt debt service expenditures** related to litigation under the **Child Victims Act** from the **tax cap**. (2023)
13. NYSSBA supports the full **restoration of state and local tax (SALT) deductibility**. (2024)
14. NYSSBA supports legislation to eliminate the limit on **BOCES District Superintendent compensation**. (2024)

## VII. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

1. NYSSBA supports an addition to the current New York State Public Health Law, that all **immunizations** required of students under the provisions of New York State Public Health Law 2164 be **required of all school staff**, where medically appropriate for adults. (2021)
2. NYSSBA seeks legislative and/or policy changes to **streamline the teacher certification process for teachers from out of state** and those with previous teaching experience. (2021)
3. NYSSBA will work with other associations and Office of School Personnel Review and Accountability to develop better systems that allow districts and BOCES to **query or to be notified** when a **Part 83 report or an investigation is pending**. (2022)
4. NYSSBA will work to make or add to existing law to make it a felony for a district employee to have **lewd or sexual relations with a current student** in the district regardless of age or consent. (2022)
5. NYSSBA supports reforming the system of educator discipline to **cap the length of time educators awaiting 3020-a proceedings are paid**. (2022)
6. NYSSBA opposes any legislative or regulatory effort to grant **tenure status to non-instructional school employees**. (2023)
7. NYSSBA shall seek legislation to **streamline the tenured teacher hearing process** set forth in Education Law §3020-a in a way that preserves **due process** while addressing spiraling costs and the extraordinary length of time to conduct hearings. (2023)
8. NYSSBA supports state investments to support local **“grow your own” teaching programs**. (2023)
9. NYSSBA supports legislation that **amends the current civil service system** to bring it up to date with changes to the duties potential employees will be assigned. (2023)





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10. NYSSBA shall advocate for passage of legislation that would seek to **“de-couple” student standardized test scores** as a metric in determining a teacher’s **APPR Rating**. (2023)
11. NYSSBA supports the requirement that **school Security Guards** receive, and be required to obtain, the specialized **school specific security training**. (2023)
12. NYSSBA shall work with the New York State Educational Conference Board and its supportive members, to call on the New York State Legislature to **improve Tier 6** in the current retirement systems for school employees and that we seek support and legislation to establish Tier Equity for Tiers 5 and 6 **to be more aligned with Tiers 1 through 4**. (2024)
13. NYSSBA supports legislation to amend the current civil service system to **modernize exam materials** and **increase the frequency** of exam administration. (2024)

## VIII. NYSSBA LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

1. NYSSBA supports proposals to regulate and restrict the use of **tobacco products** among youth. (2020)
2. NYSSBA supports increased state and federal funding to provide educational equity by addressing the **digital divide** created by limited access to technology and broadband. (2020)
3. NYSSBA shall produce and widely recommend the adoption of a board policy, or language to be added to the existing policy related to child abuse, stating that the adopting district will encourage and facilitate all school personnel, including those who are mandated reporters and those who are not, to participate, once every three years, in a **course or workshop** that presents information related to **signs of child abuse** and the responsibilities of reporting it. (2020)
4. NYSSBA supports the state enhancing support for school districts in response to **cybersecurity** threats that endanger **student and staff personal data and school safety**. (2022)
5. NYSSBA will join statewide advocacy efforts to support healthy, high-quality school meals through the **Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR)**. (2022)
6. NYSSBA supports all efforts to improve **school safety** by limiting or **reducing unauthorized access to guns in schools**. (2023)
7. NYSSBA shall take a leadership role in raising awareness and understanding of the importance of all school districts’ leaders in understanding and taking action to **address disproportionality** in the education workforce and in student outcomes as it relates to diverse backgrounds. In carrying out this mission, NYSSBA shall:
  - Develop training focused on **cultural competency** and diligently promote, encourage and facilitate access to all school boards;
  - Encourage school boards to invite discussions with students, parents, staff and the board to develop district action plans that **address staffing, student outcomes and the school climate in a manner that improves cultural competency, diversity and inclusivity**; and
  - Take an active role in collaborating with other groups, including but not limited to the New York State Board of Regents, NYSCOSS, SAANYS, NYSUT and other members of the Educational Conference Board to encourage them to **jointly promote such training and conversations** about their members and constituencies. (2023)



# Statements

8. NYSSBA supports a requirement to have **state-supplied naloxone** (aka Narcan) available for use in all school buildings. (2023)
9. NYSSBA supports full individual **Wi-Fi and cellular access** for every household across New York State, paid for by NY State. (2023)
10. NYSSBA opposes any legislation or Budget initiatives that would allow NYS to overrule **local zoning ordinances**. (2023)
11. NYSSBA shall take a **leadership role** in encouraging school boards to develop successful strategies for integrating **respect for differences** into the educational experience. In carrying out this mission, NYSSBA shall encourage school boards to:
  - a. Ensure that the importance of **acceptance of others** who are unique and different because of **racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status or religious differences** is part of the curriculum.
  - b. Invite discussion among students, parents, staff and the community about how hatred and bigotry based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status and religion endanger the **pluralistic and diversity principles** for which this nation stands.
  - c. Involve students, parents, staff and the community in developing and supporting educational practices which invite **understanding and acceptance of others' differences** and which aim to eradicate hatred and bigotry. (2024)
12. NYSSBA shall support legislative action in the regulation of **vapor products** including consumption, manufacturing, distribution and advertisement. (2024)
13. NYSSBA **opposes the** proposed amendments to Sections 135.1, 135.4 and 135.5 of the Commissioner of Education's **Regulations related to Mixed Competition** and extra-class athletic activities. (2024)
14. NYSSBA supports and upholds the **Mission of the Conference of Big 5 School Districts**, promoting a more equitable and adequate funding system and the delivery of a high-quality education to all children. Central to this Mission is the belief that all children can succeed and should be afforded appropriate support and educational opportunities throughout their lives. NYSSBA shall **promote and advocate** for fiscal and programmatic priorities that are aligned with **this Mission**. (2024)
15. NYSSBA supports legislation that would grant judges the **ability to require bail** in cases of **violent threats against school districts** and/or staff and/or students at school districts. (2024)



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