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## Positions Adopted at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting

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### SUNSETTING POSITION STATEMENTS

#### **Resolution 1 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association opposes any legislative and regulatory mandates that would impose new unfunded or underfunded mandates.

#### **Resolution 2 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association 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.

### NEW POSITION STATEMENTS

#### **Resolution 3 – Adopted as Amended**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports all efforts to improve school safety by limiting or reducing unauthorized access to guns in schools.

#### **Resolution 4 – Adopted as Amended**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association 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.

#### **Resolution 5 – Adopted with Amendment**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports preserving Medicaid funding to school districts, streamlining associated reporting requirements, and reimbursing for all required administration costs.

**Resolution 6 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports proposals making kindergarten attendance mandatory.

**Resolution 7 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association oppose any legislative or regulatory effort to grant tenure status to non-instructional school employees.

**Resolution 8 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association 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.

**Resolution 9 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards supports legislation that allows the date of the annual reorganizational meeting to be on or before the Monday following the 20th of July.

**Resolution 10 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation to exempt expenditures related to school safety from the tax cap.

**Resolution 11 – Adopted with Amendment**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association 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.

**Resolution 12 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports proposals establishing additional dedicated funding for student health and mental health services.

**Resolution 13 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would allow for “piggybacking” transportation services.

**Resolution 14 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York School Boards Association opposes shifting financial responsibility for pre-school special education from counties to school districts.

**Resolution 15 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York School Boards Association pursue an amendment to Penal Law Article 240 entitled Falsely Reporting an Incident to criminalize falsely threatening use of a gun or making threats of mass violence on public school property.

**Resolution 16 – Adopted with Amendment**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York School Boards Association supports state legislation that would allow school districts, by vote of the school board, the option to hold their school district elections at publicly accessible locations within their district boundaries.

**Resolution 17 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York School Boards Association 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.

**Resolution 18 – Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that would require the Smart Schools Review Board (“SSRB”) to meet monthly and promptly acknowledge, review and act on all school district submissions.

**Resolution 19 – Adopted with Amendment**

*RESOLVED*, the New York State School Board Association (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 jointly promote such training and conversations about their members and constituencies.

## **Positions Not Adopted at the 2018 Annual Business Meeting**

### **Resolution 20 – Not Adopted**

*RESOLVED*, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that changes the date that a student is eligible to attend kindergarten to September 1 of the school year the student turns 5, with the option for a superintendent waiver if the student will be 5 before September 15 of that school year.