

## 2008-09 ASBSD Legislative Resolutions

### ASBSD Delegate Assembly

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Legislative resolutions are policy statements adopted by the ASBSD Delegate Assembly to guide association action during a specific legislative session. Each year, the ASBSD Delegate Assembly adopts three resolutions to carry forward as legislative priorities.





A. Student Achievement

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1. Extended School Term

ASBSD supports accurately reflecting school district practice by extending the school term in South Dakota to a minimum of 990 hours, with full funding for an additional 27.5 hours of student contact time.

2. Pre-Kindergarten Standards →→→ Priority Resolution  
ASBSD supports the development and adoption of statewide content and accreditation standards for voluntary pre-kindergarten education programs.

3. Reorganization – Incentives – Grade Sharing →→→ Priority Resolution  
ASBSD supports legislation that offers sufficient incentives and assistance to encourage expanded academic opportunities and program efficiencies through voluntary reorganization, program sharing, grade-sharing and sharing of administration.

4. Professional Development

ASBSD supports full state funding to implement up to a total of 55 hours of comprehensive, quality professional staff development.

5. Compulsory School Attendance

ASBSD supports compulsory public school attendance to age 18 or until the student graduates.

B. Local Governance

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6. Students Receiving Alternative Instruction

ASBSD supports the development of guidelines for evaluating the academic progress of students receiving alternative instruction and the establishment of effective regulations to ensure exempted students receive a high quality education.

7. Differential Pay

ASBSD supports state policy that maintains a local district’s ability to develop hiring, evaluation and compensation policies that support local efforts to recruit and retain quality staff.

8. Continuing Contract

ASBSD supports legislation to extend the probationary period in existing continuing contract law by an additional two years.

9. Appointments to Commissions

ASBSD supports the appointment of South Dakota school board members to statewide commissions, advisory committees and forums that directly or indirectly affect the development of state education policy.

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## B. Local Governance

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### 10. No Child Left Behind Act – Reauthorization

ASBSD supports a fully funded federal education policy for elementary and secondary education that focuses on improving learning outcomes for every child, provides for public school accountability and gives local school boards flexibility to develop education programs reflective of the local student population and community.

### 11. Technical Institute Governance

ASBSD supports local governance of the state's technical institutes.

## C. School Finance

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### 12. Adequate Funding

ASBSD supports legislation based upon South Dakota's adequacy study to increase per-student funding to levels that allow South Dakota districts to meet the diverse learning needs of every South Dakota student.

### 13. State Funding for Accredited Pre-Kindergarten Programs

ASBSD supports state funding over and above the base K-12 funding formula that provides voluntary access to accredited pre-k programs.

### 14. Taxation – 150% Rule

ASBSD supports a gradual repeal of the "150% Rule" that holds South Dakota school districts harmless from any adverse impact on a local school district's ability to raise needed revenue through the capital outlay, special education and pension levies.

### 15. Index Factor →→→ Priority Resolution

ASBSD supports legislation to increase the "index factor" of the state aid to education formula to 4 percent or the CPI-W, whichever is greater.

### 16. Categorical Funding

ASBSD supports legislation that allows caps on categorical aid to increase each year at the same rate as the annual increase to the per-student allocation.

### 17. Unfunded Mandates – State Board of Education

ASBSD supports legislative action to require the State Board of Education to adopt a fiscal note associated to all new mandates placed on local school districts.

### 18. Federal Mandates

ASBSD supports full funding for all federal mandates, including the Individuals with Disability Education Improvement Act (IDEA) and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

### 19. Medicaid Service Reimbursement

ASBSD supports the continuation of federal Medicaid Service Reimbursement and urges Congress to block a proposed rule by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that will prohibit schools from being reimbursed for providing health services to Medicaid-eligible students.