

ASBSD's proposed legislative platform for the 2024 legislative session includes the [resolutions](#) and [standing positions](#) influence the legislative direction of ASBSD and are voted on by member districts at Delegate Assembly.

The [2023 Delegate Assembly](#) is set for Friday, November 17 in Pierre at the Ramkota Conference Center, at 1 p.m. (Central).

Below you will find a brief summary of each change made to a resolution or standing position and draft form PDF's can be found on the [Publications and Forms](#) page.

[Resolutions](#) (click to view PDF):

**A4. State Testing Requirements** – proposed deletion

Students receiving alternative instruction are currently exempt from taking state assessments and additional exemptions have not been proposed, recently, in the legislature.

**A6. Content Standards** – proposed deletion

ASBSD's position on content standards is covered in subsequent proposed resolutions A7. & A8.

**A7. Content Standards Intervention** – proposed adoption

The new resolution outlines ASBSD's opposition to the legislature intervening in the current content standards process.

**A8. State Board of Education Standards Membership and Adoption** – proposed adoption

The new resolution summarizes ASBSD's opposition to changes in state law related to the composition and appointment of the State Board of Education Standards while also encouraging the inclusion on the board of individuals with K-12 education experience.

**B4. Public Funding for Non-Public Education** – proposed amendment

Amendments to the resolution include the addition of another way public funding could be used for non-public education and strengthen ASBSD's opposition to the diversion of these funds.

**B7. Decision-Making Authority Regarding Transgender Legislation** – proposed amendment

The amended resolution reinforces ASBSD's belief in local control on this matter and removes the reference to the SDHSAA policy as it is no longer applicable.

**B8. Legal and Financial Protection for Compliance with State Law** – proposed amendment

Makes a minor word change in the rationale.

**B12. Governance when Dealing with COVID** – proposed deletion

Local school boards and school districts have the authority to make the necessary decisions when dealing with COVID in their schools.

**B14. State Operated Website for Notices or Meeting Information Posting** – proposed deletion

Information posting requirements in state law have not been adapted towards this platform and the additional responsibilities that come with posting on this website are onerous for school districts.

**B17. Board Member Recall Process – proposed adoption**

Expresses ASBSD's opposition to a board member recall process, which was introduced during the 2023 legislative session, but defeated.

**B18. Local Control of Facilities and Activities – proposed adoption**

This new resolution supports the local school boards ability to make decisions on the appropriate use of their facilities.

**B19. Parent and Guardian Rights and Responsibilities – proposed adoption**

A new resolution supporting parental involvement and collaboration with the school district while not abridging or intruding on local control.

**B20. School, Instructional and Library Material Review – proposed adoption**

Supporting adherence to the local school board policy when reviewing school and library materials.

**B21. Nonpartisan School Board Elections – proposed adoption**

A newly drafted resolution supports the current provision in state law that public school board elections remain nonpartisan.

**C3. Capital Outlay Adjustments – proposed amendment**

Resolution requests flexibility in the capital outlay levy.

**C6. Increasing State Aid – proposed amendment**

An amendment to the rationale highlights a main reason the maximum appropriation to state aid for public schools is needed is to ensure the best quality education is provided to students.

**C9. Funding for Participation of Homeschool Students in Public School District Interscholastic Activities – proposed deletion**

Legislation related to this resolution was passed in 2022.

**D1. Commitment to the Half Penny Sales Tax Ratio – proposed deletion**

The funds from the initial increase to the sales tax were met proportionally for schools and with the recent decrease to the sales tax, the resolution is no longer needed.

**D2. School Funding – Partridge Amendment – proposed deletion**

The Partridge Amendment was repealed during the 2023 legislative session and the resolution is no longer relevant.

**D3. Property Tax Reduction or Repeal – proposed amendment**

Opposes property tax reduction without a new source of revenue being provided or a hold harmless clause being included to protect public school districts as property tax collection is their main source of local effort collection.

**F1. State Education Mandates – proposed amendment**

Amendment requests review of the fiscal impact of a legislative mandate on public schools before it is considered.

**Standing Positions** ([click to view PDF](#)):

**Equity in Education** – proposed amendment

Title of the standing position amended to focus on all students receiving an equitable education.

**Investment in Education** – proposed amendment

Adds a sentence in the first paragraph of the standing position noting the impoverishment of public education will eventually result in the same for South Dakota because public schools educate the future workforce of the state.

**Student Achievement** – proposed amendment

Includes a sentence citing public school students' success is not strictly measured in assessments, but rather in multiple avenues offered in public schools.