



2017 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS SUMMARY LISTING WITH FINAL ACTION

ESSA IMPLEMENTATION

1. Requests that the Public Education Department and State Legislature elect to submit the New Mexico ESSA plan in July, invite local school boards to participate in meaningful stakeholder consultation and seriously consider priorities and recommendations expressed by NMSBA and its members **(Albuquerque)**
Resolution Approved

LOCAL CONTROL/FLEXIBILITY

2. Requests the State Legislature and Public Education Department allow local school boards to exercise their statutorily granted authority to make policy decisions about education and to work collaboratively with struggling schools, assessments that go beyond what is required in state statute, to use their professional judgment to administer assessments and adequately fund the local school board. **(Albuquerque)**
Resolution Approved
3. Requests the State Legislature pass a bill that amends the Public School Code to provide waivers for high-improving and high-achieving schools, waivers granted shall begin with 2017-18 school year and PED provide workshops about how to make use of incentives and waivers. **(Los Alamos)**
Resolution Not Approved
4. Requests the State Legislature pass a bill that amends the Public School Code to allow school districts to use public transportation in place of requirements to provide “to and from” transportation and modify rules and regulations to begin in the 2017-18 school year. **(Los Alamos)**
Resolution Not Approved

FUNDING/FINANCIAL

5. Requests that school districts cash balances be preserved for the benefit of the students of our state and be protected from any effort by the legislature and/or the governor of the State of New Mexico to raid such cash balances. **(Logan & Capitan)**
Resolution Approved
6. Requests that the 2017 Legislature increase current levels of public school funding to ensure sufficient and adequate funding for public schools as suggested by the New Mexico Funding Formula Task Force in 2007 and as required by Article XII of the New Mexico Constitution. **(Las Cruces)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
7. Requests that the Governor, Legislature and Public Education Department prioritize above the line funding to the state equalization guarantee and increase the unit value for the 2017-18 school year. **(Los Alamos)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
8. Requests that the Legislature explore what sufficient funding may be defined as in relation to that 2008 study which explored appropriate funding levels for programs outlined in the study and compare those funding levels to necessary programs of current students and schools and prioritize funding to the state equalization guarantee and increase the unit value, sufficiently fund the “above the line” **(Albuquerque)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
9. Requests that the Legislature pass joint a resolution allowing voters to restore funding distribution from the New Mexico Land Grant and Severance Tax Permanent Fund to 5.8%. **(Las Cruces)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program

10. Requests that the 2017 Legislature provide the necessary funding to increase the current base salary level for teachers to \$40,000, \$50,000 and \$60,000 respectively and for the interim legislative committee explore options to increase base teacher salaries in each tier in future years. **(Las Cruces)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
11. Request that the New Mexico Legislature during the 2017 Legislative session fund a pilot program to design and implement a program similar to the K-3+ program that targets 3 and 4 year old children and to provide enrollment and accountability data on the effectiveness of the pilot program. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Approved
12. Requests that the 2017 Legislature provide the necessary funding to support the costs associated with the development of bullying prevention programs, curriculum and accompanying professional development for teachers, parents and students. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Approved
13. Requests that the 2017 Legislature provide the necessary funding to support the costs associated with transporting students. **(Las Cruces)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
14. Requests that all mandated testing materials be paid for by the State of New Mexico and will not adversely affect school district SEG. **(Socorro)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program

TEACHER EVALUATION/RETENTION

15. Urges the Legislature and Public Education Department use standardized testing no greater than twenty-five per cent as a factor in teacher evaluations. **(Loving)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
16. Requests that the NM Legislature adjust the teacher evaluation components distribution from 50% student achievement, 25% observation and 25% multiple measures to 50% observation, 25% student achievement and 25% multiple measures and that appropriate interim legislative committees explore options to implement the proposed change to the weighting of the teacher evaluation system beginning with the 2017-18 school year. **(Las Cruces)**
No Action Taken – Already in Legislative Program
17. Requests the PED suspend the use of student assessment data for teacher evaluations for one year until the system can accurately align teachers and students enrolled in their classrooms and courses for calculating Improved student achievement and that districts implement the Classroom Observations, Planning, Preparation and Professionalism and Surveys and Attendance components of the teacher evaluation system to meet state and federal requirements during the period of suspension. **(Pojoaque)**
Resolution Approved
18. Requests that the Secretary of Education and the New Mexico Legislature consider removing the attendance portion from the adopted teacher evaluation system and that the Secretary establish a statewide task force comprised of superintendents, school board members, principals and teachers to review and refine the current teacher evaluation system and determine the impact of removing the teachers attendance requirement from the evaluation system. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Approved
19. Requests that the New Mexico Legislature establish provisions that would allow a local education agency the opportunity to secure the professional services of a retired teacher with less than the currently required 12-month wait out period to fill critical vacancies in high need areas without compromising the retired member to compromise their return to work status. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Approved

TESTING

20. Requests the New Mexico Legislature to study and take action on the effects of high stakes testing on the education of the whole child. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Approved
21. Calls on the Public Education Department to provide clear criteria for graduation; that the criteria not change during the students tenth or eleventh grade year; and the timeframe for changing the PARCC proficiency score required for graduation from 3, 4 or 5 to 4 or 5 be implemented no sooner than for the Class (or Cohort) of 2020. **(Gadsden)**
Resolution Approved

OTHER PRIORITIES

22. Urges other districts across New Mexico to adopt policies for elementary grades that advocate for a minimum of two 15 minute periods of recess; one recess time in the morning and one recess time in the afternoon, not including lunch. **(Santa Fe)**
Resolution Approved
23. Urge the Legislature to pass legislation that requires the preparation of a 10-year Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Education, from early childhood to higher education In order to build on the gains in education achievement, to ensure an education system that is both successful and sustainable and to contribute to building a professional and technical workforce that will attract and preserve a diverse mix of employment opportunities and viable economic growth in the state. **(Hatch)**
Resolution Approved
24. Request that the New Mexico Legislature change the Nepotism law to allow a waiver to be processed through PED giving districts the ability to hire relatives of School Board Members into positions vacant within their districts. **(Socorro)**
Resolution Approved
25. Support annual increase to the state minimum wage to at least \$15 per hour, where full-time employment generates a living wage. **(Santa Fe)**
Resolution Not Approved
26. Supports legislation that provides for reforming the means by which firearms are purchased or transferred in the State of New Mexico in order to ensure the safety and guard the wellbeing of school age children. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Not Approved
27. Requests that NMSBA develop guidelines and professional development for all school board members to ensure that immigrant students and parents are able to access their deportation relief under federal DACA and DAPA provisions. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Not Approved
28. Requests that the Legislature take under consideration the potential benefit of convening earlier to allow public districts with more time, especially during the 60-day sessions, to prepare public school budgets with appropriate and meaningful input from stakeholders. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Not Approved
29. Requests that the Secretary of Education, the Governor and the Legislature officially recognize the community school effort as an important transformative effort to engage higher levels of academic outcomes and significant behavioral and social support for children and their families. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Not Approved

30. Urges all government officials and employees, political parties, media representatives, advocacy organizations and all citizens to strive for more civil public discourse, especially as it related to education of our children. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Not Approved
31. Prefer school board elections to be standalone elections as currently conducted on the first Tuesday in February of odd numbered years run by the county clerk's office. **(Resolutions Committee)**
Resolution Approved

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED FROM THE FLOOR

32. Calls on the NM Legislature to support dual credit enrollment for high school students and prohibit the Higher Education and Public Education Departments from imposing stricter enrollment requirements and limits on the number of dual credit courses taken by high school students. **(Las Cruces)**
Resolution Approved
33. Requests that the New Mexico Legislature hold public schools harmless from further reductions to already lean operating budgets. **(Santa Fe)**
Resolution Approved