



PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION:

OCSBA opposes tying any school funding to waiving the attorney-client privilege.

RATIONALE FOR THIS PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION:

In the FY26 school aid budget, section 31aa school safety and mental health categorical funding required districts to “opt in”. Any district that opted in to receive 31aa funds agreed to cooperate with an investigation, including waiving the attorney-client privilege, following a mass-casualty incident.

While cooperation with investigations after a mass casualty event is necessary to prevent another event, the attorney-client privilege must remain sacred. The courts have ruled on this issue. In the future there is nothing to stop the legislature from tying waiver of the attorney-client privilege to other funding.

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions have been adopted by our member school districts.

These resolutions are provided for reference only.

The adoption and/or amendment date(s) are noted for each resolution.

OCSBA Bylaws Article IX, Section 5, Resolution Adoption:

Resolutions that are approved by at least nineteen (19) member school districts shall be the official position of the association as interpreted and pursued by its board of directors.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports holding every school that receives public funding to the same accountability and transparency standards, including FOIA requests and the Open Meetings Act. This includes local districts, ISDs, Public School Academies (aka Charter Schools), their authorizers and management companies, as well as all colleges and universities. [MASB Resolution A 6.65 (c), (d), (f)]

BROADBAND ACCESS AND DEVICES [OCSBA Adopted 9/11/2021; Amended 6/5/2025]

- Broadband should be included in any federal or state infrastructure plan.
- OCSBA supports additional federal and state funding opportunities to expand affordable and reliable broadband access.
- OCSBA supports federal and state programs for the purchase of internet capable devices and software.
- OCSBA supports dedicated resources for cybersecurity.

[MASB Resolution A-10.30 – 2021 amendment]

EARLY CHILDHOOD [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- OCSBA supports additional new dollars to fund universal, public preschool for all four-year-old children.
- OCSBA supports mandatory kindergarten for all five-year-old children.

[MASB Resolution A 6.15 (c)]

EARLY ON MICHIGAN [OCSBA Adopted 1/26/2026]

OCSBA supports full funding of Early On Michigan, an early intervention program for infants and toddlers from birth to age three with disabilities, developmental delays or are at risk for delay(s) due to certain health conditions.

EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports evidence-based education policy that will maximize opportunities for the highest achievement of each student. [MASB Resolution G 11.01]

LAME DUCK [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports lame duck parameters that will address introduction and accelerated passage of legislation after the November election.

LOCAL CONTROL [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

Support local control of community-governed public schools with elected school boards.

MASB Resolution A 10.10; A 10.55; A 12.70]

MENTAL HEALTH [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports increased mental health services and professionals in schools and providing, at a minimum, annual inflation adjusted state resources to allow schools to both educate and keep students and staff safe.

- Help staff identify potential mental health issues for students.
- Encourage MDE to develop a model policy for staff regarding identifying mental health issues and appropriate staff response.

[MASB Resolutions G 9.01; G 9.05; G 9.50]

NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS [OCSBA Adopted 1/9/2026]

OCSBA supports non-partisan school board elections.

SCHOOL AID [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- A. Specify that the School Aid Fund is only for Pre-K to 12th grade public education in Michigan's Constitution and oppose any attempts to create private school vouchers or tax credit programs. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (a) and A 10.05]
- B. Support additional funding for Special Education, At-Risk and ELL students. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (g) and (j); A 10.55]
- C. Protect the School Aid Fund and local revenues from state tax policy changes. [MASB Resolutions A 10.25 (c); A 10.55]
- D. OCSBA supports enacting the annual School Aid Budget no later than June 1, so that school districts have factual information to meet their constitutional/statutory requirement to approve a budget by June 30.

[MASB Resolution A 10.25 (h)]

SCHOOL FINANCE RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (SFRC)

[OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 9/11/2021; 3/3/2023; 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports implementation of the recommendations of the SFRC. While implementing the SFRC recommendations, higher funded districts must be held harmless.

[MASB resolution G 11.01 and A-10.25 – 2021 amendment]

SCHOOL NUTRITION [OCSBA Adopted 3/3/2023; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports codification of free universal meals.

SCHOOL SAFETY [OCSBA Adopted 3/3/2023]

OCSBA supports that there be adequate state resources to allow schools to both educate and keep students and staff safe.

SPECIAL EDUCATION [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA supports full funding of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Although federal legislation initially promised to provide 40 percent of the excess cost to educate students with disabilities, the appropriations have fallen short, leaving states and local school districts to make up the difference.

[MASB Resolution A 5.01; NSBA Advocacy: IDEA]

TEACHER SHORTAGES [OCSBA Adopted 9/11/2021; Amended 6/5/2025]

OCSBA supports statewide initiatives to address teacher shortages and retain teachers, while maintaining quality teacher preparation programs. Initiatives might include, but should not be limited to, incentives to enter and complete a teaching college program, incentives for teachers to remain in the classroom, and easing the process to obtain Michigan certification for teachers that are certified in other states. [MASB 2021-2022 Legislative Priority]

UNFUNDED MANDATES [OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019]

OCSBA Opposes any state or federal legislation that results in increased costs for school districts without full funding. OCSBA also encourages the Michigan Legislature to oppose any federal laws or programs that are not fully funded thus costing the state valuable resources.

[MASB Resolution A 10.20]

WHEN ALIGNED WITH OCSBA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, OCSBA ALSO SUPPORTS

[OCSBA Adopted 9/24/2019; Amended 6/5/2025]

- The National School Boards Association (NSBA) Legislative Agenda
- The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Legislative Agenda
- The Oakland County Superintendents Association (OCSA) Legislative Agenda
- The Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) Legislative Agenda

LINKS: MASB Resolutions: <https://www.masb.org/resolutions.aspx>
NSBA Advocacy: IDEA <https://www.nsba.org/Advocacy>
COSSBA Advocacy: <https://www.cossba.org/advocacy>