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Dear Members and Executive Assistants,

The OCSBA Board of Directors respectfully requests that all Member District Boards vote on the following:

- **Adoption of one (1) new resolution.**
- **Two (2) proposed amendments to the Association bylaws.**

Each proposal includes a detailed rationale.

Resolutions approved by nineteen (19) member districts become the official position of the Association, as interpreted by the Board of Directors.

For the bylaws, two documents are provided: (a) the proposed amendments with rationale and (b) our current full bylaws document, with the proposed changes shown on pages 4, 8 and 9.

- **Completed & signed ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 26, 2026.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Resolutions & Bylaws Committee Chair Stefanie Crane by replying to this email, or SCrane@Clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

The Board of Directors
Oakland County School Boards Association



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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>

Member District Ballot 2026 Spring Resolution



Introduction. Annually, the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Government Relations Committee (GRC) establishes Legislative Priorities for the current legislative session. The Resolutions and Bylaws Committee then reviews the adopted legislative priorities and drafts resolutions based on those legislative priorities. When there is alignment with MASB and/or NSBA resolutions, the MASB/NSBA resolution information is referenced.

Once reviewed by the Board of Directors, the proposed resolutions are presented to our member districts for consideration. 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.

Eligibility to Vote. Each Member District receives one (1) vote on the proposed Resolutions.

Voting Period. The proposed resolutions, legislative priorities and a written ballot were transmitted to Member School Districts on May 12, 2026. Completed ballots must be received **by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 26, 2026.**

Important! This ballot must be completed, signed and returned to **OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org** prior to the deadline or your District's vote cannot be counted! OCSBA bylaws Article III, Section 2: Member School District votes shall be recorded upon receipt of the completed resolution or ballot indicating the vote of the Member School District's Trustees. Member School District votes must be received prior to the deadline indicated on the ballot.

DOES THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PROPOSED NEW RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED?

The vote of the _____ School District
Insert District Name

Board of Education on _____, 20____

YES. The Board approves the proposed new resolution as presented.

NO. The Board does not approve the proposed new resolution as presented.

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the vote by the Board of Education.

Signed by the (*check one*) **Board Secretary** -or- **Executive Assistant to the Board of Education**

Printed Name

Signature

**Complete, sign, and email this ballot to OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org
no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, June 26, 2026**

Questions? Contact Stefanie Crane SCrane@Clarkston.k12.mi.us

OCSBA - PROPOSED BYLAWS UPDATES FOR 2026

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1: A member district that pays dues directly to the Association may appoint a Trustee to a seat on the Board of Directors

ADD LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2: Eligibility. Any Member is eligible to be elected to the Association’s Board of Directors. Only one Member from each Member School District is allowed to serve on the Board at any given time.

The Intermediate School District pays annual membership dues directly to the Association, and is therefore entitled to appoint one (1) Trustee to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors. If the ISD chooses to not exercise their right to appoint a Director, the Board of Directors shall be notified, in writing, within 30 days of a Board election so that the seat can be filled by election.

Rationale: Like every other member district, the ISD is a member of MASB and is therefore a member of the Association. However, to support the Association, the ISD is the ONLY member district that ALSO pays annual dues (currently \$6,000 per year) directly to the Association!

This proposal helps the Association by providing board continuity. The BOD is a working BOD, and it is a struggle to fill all 9 positions on the Board of Directors. This proposal will help to consistently fill 1 seat. An appointment by a dues-paying district will not alter the total number of Directors. The limit of one director per district does not change.

Given the unparalleled financial and in-kind support that the ISD provides to the Association, an appointed ISD Director is fair and reasonable. The ISD provides in-kind donations of event space with AV support (equipment *and* staff), and legislative affairs/advocacy support. When requested, the ISD provides employee speakers at no cost to the Association. The ISD’s annual dues cover the entire cost that the Association pays to the ISD for service agreements: Event Management services (including but not limited to staff, online registration, collection and processing meeting fees and onsite event support) and Financial Services support (that includes but is not limited to monthly financial accounting, and filing annual tax and state reports).

RELATED LANGUAGE IN THE BYLAWS:

*** PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY, THIS LANGUAGE WOULD NOT CHANGE ***

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Members. The Association shall be organized upon a membership basis. Any publicly elected Board of Education member of a school district located in Oakland County or **any elected Oakland ISD Board of Education member** (referred to herein as “Member School Districts”), **that is also a member in good standing in the Michigan Association of School Boards (“MASB”), is an eligible general member of this Association** (referred to herein as a “Member” or collectively the “Members”).

ARTICLE IV DUES

The Association shall be financed by an annual MASB grant to its County Area School Boards Association (CASBA) members, **Intermediate School District membership dues in an amount not to exceed the MASB CASBA grant**, and by contributions and gifts accepted by the Association.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Number of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of Directors, with **no fewer than 7 nor more than 9 members.**

OCSBA - PROPOSED BYLAWS UPDATES FOR 2026

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2: Ensure that either the Chair -or- Vice-Chair of every OCSBA committee is a member of the Board of Directors (BOD).

ADD OR REVISE LANGUAGE IN TWO (2) SECTIONS OF ARTICLE IX:

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 3: Committee Chairs. Each standing and ad hoc committee shall elect a Chairperson annually from the appointed representatives. **In the event that the elected committee chair is not a member of the Board of Directors, the Association Board shall appoint one of its Directors to serve as Vice-Chair of the committee.** The election shall be the first order of business at the Committee's first meeting after July 1st, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws. Written notice of the election date, time and place shall be provided to all appointed representatives not less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting at which the vote will occur.

Rationale for adding this language to Section 3: Any member can be elected to chair any committee (i.e., the chair does NOT have to be a member of the BOD). When a committee chair is not a member of the BOD, assigning a member of the BOD to serve as Vice-Chair will provide BOD support for the committee and ensure direct two-way communication between the committee and the BOD. It will ensure compliance with BOD procedures and Association bylaws.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

Section 4: The Government Relations Committee.

Committee Membership/Leadership:

A Committee Chairperson will be elected annually from the appointed Members at the first committee meeting after January 31st. Each Member School District in attendance shall have one (1) vote, which shall be cast by the Member School District's appointed representative.

~~In the absence of an elected Vice-Chair, the Vice-President of OCSBA will assume the position of Vice Chair.~~ **In the event that the elected committee chair is not a member of the Board of Directors, the Association Board shall appoint one of its Directors to serve as Vice-Chair of the committee.**

Rationale for revising the current language in Section 4: While all Directors serve on 1 or more committees, Directors are not necessarily involved in the GRC. Some Directors never attend GRC meetings, but the Vice Chair of the GRC must regularly attend GRC meetings. Like the GRC Chair, the Vice Chair needs to be knowledgeable and actively involved in advocacy. Both the Chair and Vice Chair of the GRC need to provide leadership for our members by regularly attending state and national advocacy conferences & events (e.g. MASB Behind the Scenes and NSBA Advocacy Institute). For these reasons, the OCSBA Vice President is not always the person that is best suited to fulfill the role of GRC Vice Chair. The OCSBA Board of Directors should be allowed to decide which of its Directors is best suited to serve in the role.

2026 Member District Ballot Proposed Bylaws Amendments



Introduction. The Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) Resolution & Bylaws committee reviews the Association bylaws annually and recommends amendments as needed. Once proposed amendment(s) are reviewed by the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment(s) are transmitted to our member districts for consideration.

OCSBA Bylaws Article XVI Section 1: Amendments. These Bylaws may be altered or amended by the vote of the Member School Districts. The Board of Directors will provide a written ballot with the proposed amendment(s) to each Member School District giving at least a forty (40) day period in which to vote. Each Member School District will have one (1) vote.

Voting Period. The proposed amendments, a rationale for the change and a written ballot were transmitted to every Member and all Member School District Executive Assistants on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. **Completed ballots must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, June 26, 2026.**

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DOES THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS?

The vote of the _____ School District
Insert District Name

Board of Education on _____, 20____
Insert Meeting Date

Complete one option

Option A: One Vote On All Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

YES. The Board approves ALL proposed changes to the bylaws as presented.

NO. The Board does NOT approve of ANY of the proposed changes to the bylaws as presented.

Option B: The Board Chose To Vote Separately On Each Proposed Change to the Bylaws

Proposal 1: Yes/Approve No

Proposal 2: Yes/Approve No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the vote by the Board of Education.

Signed by (check one) Board Secretary -or- Executive Assistant to the Board & Superintendent

Printed Name

Signature

Email your completed & signed ballot to OCSBAboard@ocsba-mi.org
no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, June 26, 2026**

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