



NMSBA 2018 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

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SUMMARY LISTING

LOCAL CONTROL

1. Oppose efforts to remove or reduce powers of elected local school boards in areas such local alternative demonstration of competency graduation policies (Ruidoso)
2. Support greater local school board decision making including the replacement of current teacher evaluation and school grading systems (Las Cruces)

ADEQUATE FUNDING

3. Calls for increased and sufficient funding for public education as called for in the state constitution; funding for mental health, school safety, pre-k and other unfunded programs. (Las Cruces)
4. Request increased funding from the Land Grant Permanent Fund to comply with the constitutional mandate for all students, including those defined as “At-risk” and requests resources and input from public schools in order to comply with the Martinez/Yazzie Case. (Bernalillo)
5. Calls for funding to increase teacher starting salaries to \$50, \$60 and \$70 thousand and principal starting salaries to \$80, \$90 and \$100 thousand. (Farmington)
6. Calls for immediate steps to provide additional funding for Regional Education Cooperatives. (Mora)
7. Calls on the Legislature to fully fund all-day pre-school for 4-year olds and half-day pre-school for 3-year olds. (Farmington)
8. Calls for the development and implementation of a statewide technology plan, recognition of the importance of careers in technology and computer science, and funding for professional development for all technology staff. (Gadsden)
9. Supports funding, regulatory and statutory adjustments for high school career and technical pathways and student financial assistance for job-market opportunities, (Rio Rancho)
10. Calls for research to determine sufficient funding levels for instructional materials, funding for instructional materials and improved oversight distribution. (Albuquerque)
11. Calls for additional funding for schools wishing to implement Community Schools Programs and recommends use of the state statute as an implementation guide. (Albuquerque)

SCHOOL SAFETY

12. Calls on the Legislature to increase funding for capital improvements, renovation, technology infrastructure and school safety and security through the PSCOC. (Farmington)
13. Prioritize funding for school safety, pass legislation that protects students and staff and provide school safety training assistance to school districts. (Los Alamos)
14. Join in finding a solution for acts of violence; require and strengthen universal background checks; and *prioritize school safety* to include increased funding for counselors, mental health staff, psychologists and social workers. (Albuquerque)

15. Embed mental health support in public schools and provide adequate funding to support healthy mental, social, and emotional health and student well-being in our schools. (Gadsden)
16. Provide adequate, ongoing funding for the provision of behavioral and mental health services and student well-being in support of public schools. (Rio Rancho)
17. Allow retired police officers to return to work as school resource officers without penalty or negative impact to retirement pension or benefits. (Farmington)
18. Requests statutory and regulatory guidance in utilizing armed school security guards and calls for training in the area of restorative justice. (Rio Rancho)

LOCAL ELECTION ACT

19. Calls on the Legislature to make needed changes to the Local Education Act; allow districts to conduct in-person special elections; determine the legality of making contributions from the State Equalization Formula to the Local Election Fund. (Santa Fe)
20. Calls on the Legislature to reimburse districts for special elections and make other needed changes to the Local Election Act and related bond and mill levy statutes. (Albuquerque)

OTHER PRIORITIES

21. Calls for adoption of a platform that demands the immediate end to forcible and traumatic separation of children from their families by the federal government in any community in New Mexico. (Las Cruces)
22. Support legislation to define “ethnic studies” and allow districts to develop ethnic studies curriculum which would satisfy social studies credit requirements. (Las Cruces)
23. Calls on the Legislature, PED and HED to guarantee equitable access to dual credit programs by adopting a statement of purpose and mandating equal access by higher education institutions. (Gadsden)
24. Support the academic success and safety of New Mexico’s LGBTQ youth by recognizing the unique challenges they face and by developing data-driven strategies to improve their safety and education outcomes. (Gadsden)
25. Create an exemption from Inspection of Public Records Act allowing school boards to release only the final three candidates for superintendent positions. (Albuquerque)
26. Support legislative action allowing retired teachers and other licensed professionals to return to work immediately without the required 12-month wait out period or otherwise compromise their return to work status. (Las Cruces)