



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Resolutions Committee 2011 Report

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Resolutions Process

The PASA Resolutions are specific actions that need to be taken to achieve the goals of the PASA organization. The committee solicits ideas for resolutions from the full PASA membership through the regional Board and Resolutions Committee representatives. Regional discussions beginning in January identify “hot” education issues, which are compiled for the committee to review in the spring. At its spring meeting, the committee incorporated the top “priority” issues into a separate section of the PASA Resolutions, discussed changes to be made, and directed PASA staff to draft the 2011-2012 Resolutions.

Summary of 2011-12 Draft Resolutions

For 2011-12, the format of the Resolutions has been changed to make it easier to identify specific positions on issues. Most sections include "General Principles," statements of what PASA believes. Following that are specific positions PASA is taking on each issue.

The draft reflects consensus on issues and priorities identified regionally and issues that have become increasingly important both in Harrisburg and Washington. *Emphasis is on accountability that is balanced with full support of public education.*

The proposed Resolutions include four priority issues:

Public Education Funding
Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools
Student Assessment
Tuition Vouchers/Opportunity Grants
ESEA Reauthorization
Mandate Waivers

In addition, the Personnel and Professional Development section emphasizes PASA’s strong support for professional development, opposition to legislation that would diminish the superintendent’s qualifications as educational leader, and opposition to both salary caps for superintendents and limits to the authority of a school board to enter into a contract with a chief school administrator that is both appropriate for the leader and the district.