

IASA/IASB JOINT RESOLUTION ON CONSOLIDATION

WHEREAS, Governor Quinn has proposed the creation of a School Administration Consolidation Commission charged with producing an action plan to mandatorily streamline and consolidate Illinois school districts; and

WHEREAS, Representative Robert Rita (D-Blue Island) has introduced HB 1886 proposing to dissolve all school districts in Illinois and then re-establish them as county school districts; and

WHEREAS, both the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) and the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) have authored Position Statements relating to this topic; and

WHEREAS, the position statement of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators states they shall seek, encourage, and support efforts for school district reorganization—in all forms—to include a requirement that before such reorganization is deemed passed, a majority vote of voters in each of the affected districts is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the position statement of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Boards states they strongly oppose proposals for mandatory district consolidation and that any school district reorganization must be approved by a majority vote of the districts affected and that no arbitrary pupil enrollment or geographical component be used to force consolidation; and

WHEREAS, implied savings from school consolidations have not actually been demonstrated and a report titled "*Consolidation of Schools and Districts: What the Research Says and What it Means*", published by the National Education Policy Center, in fact discloses that salary, construction and transportation expenditures may actually increase in many areas of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that both the Illinois Association of School Administrators and the Illinois Association of School Boards strongly oppose any legislative proposals for mandatory school district consolidation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both IASA and IASB believe that reorganization of school districts should be an indication of the community's interest and values rather than decreed indiscriminately from the Legislature.

In witness thereof, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals on this ___day of March, 2011.

Member _____ moved to adopt the resolution and member _____ seconded the motion.
Upon roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYES _____

NAYS _____

ABSENT _____