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PLEASE REPLY TO:

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Dear Jackie:

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The Illinois Association of School Boards' Resolutions Committee met on August 2, 2013 to make recommendations on all of the resolutions submitted this year. Thank you for submitting a resolution and participating in this important process.

Enclosed is a rationale sheet which tells you the recommendation the committee made regarding your resolution, the reasons why such recommendation was made, and if any modifications were made to your resolution.

OFFICERS  
Carolyn Brooks  
*President*

If you would like to appeal the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee, you must do so in writing. A simple statement from your school board requesting that you wish to appeal the committee's recommendation will be sufficient. This can be mailed to me at the IASB Springfield office.

Karen Fisher  
*Vice President*

Next month, the IASB "Report to the Membership" will be mailed to all school districts. This publication will include all resolutions submitted, the submitting district's rationale, the Resolutions Committee's recommendation, and the committee's rationale. The resolutions will be voted on at the IASB Delegate Assembly during the annual conference at 10:30 a.m. November 23, at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago.

Joseph Alesandrini  
*Immediate Past President*

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*Treasurer*

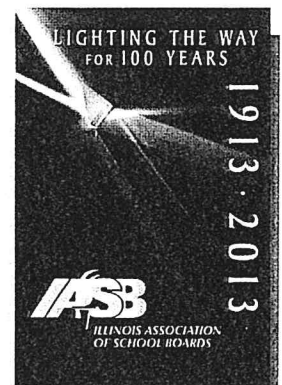
Please contact me with additional questions about your resolution or our process.

Sincerely,

Ben Schwarm  
Deputy Executive Director

C: Scott Kuffel, Supt.

Roger L. Eddy  
*Executive Director*



**SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:** OPPOSE P.A.R.C.C. R: 13-09  
CURRICULUM (BH)

**SUBMITTING DISTRICT:** Geneseo CUSD #228  
648 N. Chicago Street  
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**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

The resolution would direct the Association to oppose any efforts by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to mandate statewide curriculum due to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment.

Discussion on this issue by the Committee centered around the recognition that local control is being eroded and even if the ISBE states they have no intention of mandating a statewide curriculum, past experiences on similar issues would show otherwise.

Committee members recognized that the IASB has a current Position Statement titled CURRICULAR MATERIAL DETERMINATION (1.02). A suggestion was made, and agreed to, to amend the current Position Statement as follows:

*1.02 CURRICULAR MATERIAL DETERMINATION*

*The Illinois Association of School Boards shall support the right and responsibility of each local school board to determine its curricular content including opposing any mandated curriculum that comes from the Common Core Standards. (Adopted 1981; Amended 1983, 1988, 2001)*

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**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** XX ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT AMEND  
ADOPT

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**SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:** MANDATES SUNSET

R: 13-10  
(BH)

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**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

This resolution asks the IASB to support legislation that would cause underfunded and unfunded mandates to sunset until sufficient funds are appropriated for their implementation.

The committee agreed with the submitting district's rationale and only suggested that this resolution be adopted as an amendment to existing Position Statement 2.03. The committee expressed strong feelings regarding the directive that school districts should not be required to continue mandates that are not fully funded.

The resolution now reads:

**2.03 FUNDING MANDATED PROGRAMS**

The Illinois Association of School Boards believes that legislation encroaching upon local and lay control of the public schools should be curtailed, and, therefore:

- shall oppose programs or services mandated by the Illinois General Assembly, the State Board of Education, or any other State agency, unless there is clear evidence of need for the mandate and the Illinois General Assembly provides non-local revenues to fully fund the additional costs of those programs;
- shall urge the members of the General Assembly to strictly comply with the State Mandates Act, including specifying and labeling in the descriptions of legislation containing unfunded mandates that such mandates occur, and to refrain from passing any legislation which contains an exemption from the Act, and urge the Governor to veto any such legislation that may reach the Governor's desk;
- shall urge State agencies and commissions that adopt regulations accompanying legislative mandates to specify required outcomes and criteria for determining compliance, and allow local districts to determine the specific methods and procedures by which required outcomes will be accomplished. Required time lines for accomplishment should reflect consideration of the human and material resources and amount of deliberation and development necessary to accomplish the mandate
- ~~shall urge the General Assembly to adopt legislation which would allow school districts greater flexibility in regard to state mandates and the use of grants.~~

