

2017 Legislative Priorities

- **Support funding to ensure adequate resources for all districts to meet state and federal standards.**
MSBA Resolutions: Curriculum and Accountability – Student Achievement; Curriculum and Accountability - Student Assessment Costs; Federal – E-Rate; ESEA; Finance – Priority in Appropriations; Finance – Public School Funding
- **Oppose any legislation authorizing vouchers, tuition tax credits or deductions or other similar programs that erode support for public schools.**
MSBA Resolutions: Finance – Diversion of Existing Revenue; Finance - Non-Public School Funding
- **Support legislation that will provide adequate funding and support to all school districts to offer quality voluntary pre-kindergarten programs and consolidate the responsibility to one state agency, DESE.**
MSBA Resolutions: Condition of Children – Oversight of Pre-Kindergarten Education programs; Condition of Children – Pre-Kindergarten Education Programs
- **Support legislation that enhances effective local control of public schools.**
MSBA Resolution: Governance – Local Control
- **Oppose interdistrict choice legislation that erodes local control.**
MSBA Resolution: Governance – Interdistrict Choice
- **Support changes to Missouri’s rules and regulations to allow maximization of federal Medicaid revenue to school districts and full federal funding of school-based Medicaid services.**
MSBA Resolutions: Federal – Medicaid; Finance – Medicaid
- **Support legislation to ensure future solvency of the Public School and Public Education Retirement Systems while continuing as an independently managed system.**
MSBA Resolutions: Finance – Retirement Funding; Governance – PublicSchool Retirement System Board
- **Support legislation that addresses the problems created by the requirement to accept all students who wish to transfer from unaccredited districts.**
MSBA Resolutions: Governance – Interdistrict Choice; Governance – Transfer from Unaccredited Districts
- **Support legislation that reforms tax credits.**
MSBA Resolution: Finance – Tax Credits
- **Support legislation that increases bonding capacity in school districts.**
MSBA Resolution: Finance – General Obligation Bonds
- **Support legislation that allows districts to establish their own teacher/administrator evaluation model.**
MSBA Resolution: Governance – Local Control
- **Support legislation that increases accountability and oversight of charter schools.**
MSBA Resolution: Governance – Charter Schools
- **Support legislation that indemnifies school boards from lawsuits.**
MSBA Resolution: Personnel – Immunity
- **Oppose legislation that removes curriculum decision regarding virtual classes from the local level.**
MSBA Resolutions: Curriculum and Accountability – Curriculum or Governance Educational Placement
- **Support legislation to require all charter school board members to live in the school district where the charter school is located.**
MSBA Resolution: Governance – Charter Schools
- **Oppose legislation that would allow charter schools to take over certain school buildings owned by the school district.**
MSBA Resolution: Finance – School Facilities