

2025 GAC Resolutions Report

The Governmental Affairs Committee met on August 13, 2025, to act on resolutions for consideration by the delegate assembly at the annual convention. The participating committee members were Michelle Orton, chair (Dickinson), Collette Hertz (Harvey), Terry Snider (Grand Forks), Jason Rohr (Jamestown), and Mike Lautenschlager (Lewis and Clark).

The GAC committee recommends three resolutions for re-adoption and recommends dropping another.

These are the recommendations:

RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE FOUR YEARS OLD AND RECOMMENDED FOR READOPTION AS WRITTEN

A. FUNDING

12. REGIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS. NDSBA shall support the State of North Dakota providing separate and additional funding to REAs and work toward expanding resources available to these REAs so educational opportunities for students and professional development for staff all across the state can be improved.

Adopted in 2005; amended and readopted in 2009; amended and readopted in 2013; amended and readopted in 2017, and readopted in 2021.

13. TAXING AUTHORITY OF THE STATE. NDSBA shall oppose any attempt to limit the taxing authority of the state.

Adopted in 2005; readopted in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021.

G. BOARD AUTHORITY AND BOARD MEETINGS

4. TAXING AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS. NDSBA shall oppose any attempts to further limit or eliminate the taxing authority of school districts.

RESOLUTION THAT IS FOUR YEARS OLD AND RECOMMENDED TO BE DROPPED:

E. NEGOTIATIONS

1. DEADLINE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. NDSBA shall support legislation that would require and/or encourage contract negotiations to be pursued in good faith, diligently, and within a reasonable period of time in order to have an agreement reached between the school board and recognized representative organization by a specified deadline or impasse will be automatically declared. Adopted in 2020.