

MASC Division VIII

Resolutions

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Voc Tech Resolutions

RESOLUTION 9: MSBA GRANTS EVALUATION FOR CHAPTER 74

(Sponsored by the Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee)

WHEREAS Chapter 74 Vocational-Technical & Agricultural High Schools incur higher costs to build Chapter 74 educational training spaces; and,

WHEREAS MSBA currently assesses all school building projects at equal value; and,

WHEREAS Vocational-Technical & Agricultural High School renovation/building costs are disbursed to sending districts impacting local budgets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls upon the Massachusetts Legislature and MSBA to create an evaluated-tiered system to separately assess the cost of (1) elementary, (2) comprehensive high schools, and (3) vocational, technical and agricultural schools, resulting to true cost reimbursement for each school category.

Voc Tech Resolutions

RESOLUTION 10: EXPANSION IN CAPACITY IN CHAPTER 74 VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL PROGRAMS *(Sponsored by the Nashoba Technical High School Committee and Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee)*

WHEREAS Chapter 74 vocational-technical schools in Massachusetts are experiencing unprecedented applications for admission and more students from their sending districts are being waitlisted; and,

WHEREAS students applying from sending districts being waitlisted is preventing non-member and school choice students from attending; and,

WHEREAS there are 92 schools in Massachusetts that have Chapter 74 programs, but there are gaps across the Commonwealth where students do not have access to a Chapter 74 program school; and,

WHEREAS Chapter 74 schools serve a higher percentage of students with IEPs and 504s, and who are more economically disadvantaged than their sending districts, and, Massachusetts is in need of more skilled trade workers to keep pace with both the growth of industry and the retirement of the current workforce, and, all students in Massachusetts deserve the opportunity to pursue the best secondary education available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to support the expansion of capacity at the current Chapter 74 schools, and to work with districts that lack access to vocational technical schools to create programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls upon the legislature to convene a special commission to consider changes to the current law and regulation relating to the overall authority of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, alternative overall financing structures, standards for project eligibility, appropriate financial assistance based on the nature of the school in the projects being considered, potential differential requirements for elementary, middle schools, comprehensive high schools, and vocational technical and agricultural schools, and other such matters as affects vocational and technical education.

Division VIII Action Items

Send the **RESOLUTIONS LETTER** to your Legislators

Suggestions:

- Send a copy by mail
- + by email CC Legislative aides
- Follow-up with a phone call
- In-District Office Hours

Deadline: within 1-2 weeks



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MASC POSITION STATEMENT

MASC encourages local agreements for Vocational & Technical School Admissions:

- MASC recommends that municipalities and Regional Vocational Technical schools develop up to date protocols for admitting students.
- Protocols should be reasonable, workable, and non-discriminatory.
- MASC urges the Legislature and DESE to avoid a heavy-handed regulatory approach to the admissions process.

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Legislative notes for 194th Session & Resolutions Letter

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| | Date | Time | Event Title | Location |
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| Upcoming | Thursday, Jan. 16 | 11:00 AM | Senate Session <small>New</small> | Senate Chamber |
| Upcoming | Thursday, Jan. 16 | 11:00 AM | Informal House Session <small>New</small> | House Chamber |
| Upcoming | Thursday, Jan. 16 | 11:00 AM | Status of Persons with Disabilities Workforce Supports Subcommittee Meeting <small>New</small> | Virtual Hearing |
| Upcoming | Thursday, Jan. 16 | 6:00 PM | Joint Session Governor's State of the Commonwealth Address <small>New</small> | House Chamber |
| Upcoming | Thursday, Jan. 23 | 1:00 PM | Combating Antisemitism Hearing Notice <small>Location changed</small> | Room A-2 A-2 |

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