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### Public school board delegates approve amendments to OSBA Legislative Platform

COLUMBUS — The Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA) Delegate Assembly today approved five amendments to the association's legislative platform. The platform conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands on issues impacting public education.

The Delegate Assembly is made up of representatives of public school districts from around the state. Delegates held their annual meeting today during OSBA's 64<sup>th</sup> annual Capital Conference and Trade Show. More than 9,000 school board members, administrators and other education leaders regularly attend the annual conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The conference runs through Nov. 12.

Delegates approved amendments supporting legislation that:

- Provides sufficient funding to implement trauma-informed training and school program development.
- Amends the Ohio Revised Code and increases the rate of maximum compensation for school board members, and provides for inflationary growth, in order to better ensure that board members are compensated more commensurately with the responsibilities of their position.
- Limits the ability of a local collective bargaining agreement from impeding a district's ability to suspend individual employment contracts.
- Requires institutions of higher education for teachers to include in their curriculum courses in technology, classroom management, trauma-informed training, crisis management and behavior management, including training in appropriate behavioral intervention techniques.

## **School board delegates approve amendments 2/2/2/2/2**

The Delegate Assembly also approved amending the phrase “special educational needs” in the Categorical parity plank in the Finance section to “unique educational needs.” The plank addresses state funding related to the unique needs of students.

In its 64<sup>th</sup> year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio’s public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school board members.