

Selecting Legislative Priorities

Tips for Boards

1. **Review the current platform for changes**. At your board meeting, ask the questions: Are there issues the platform doesn't currently address? Should two resolutions be combined into one? Do the current resolutions appropriately address the needs?

2. Know the difference between beliefs and resolutions. Beliefs are long-standing items that represent the association's values and largely remain the same from year to year. Resolutions are more specific legislative proposals that can change from year to year.

3. **Select no more than four priorities.** Fewer priorities ensures our "asks" to legislators are concise and easy to remember.

4. **Submit your board's priorities by August 10.** This is your platform and we value your input. A unified voice shows legislators the priority issues for school boards—and shows power in numbers.

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