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Executive Summary of the Motion of the Virginia School Boards Association Membership in the National School Boards Association November 18, 2021

The Motion: The Virginia School Boards Association Board of Directors (VSBA) passed a motion on November 18, 2021, to pay outstanding dues for 2021/2022 but to non-renew membership in the National School Boards Association (NSBA) effective June 30, 2022.

The board has directed the executive director to immediately engage in collaborative efforts with other state associations in the creation of a new national organization to meet the federal advocacy and other needs of its member school boards in a manner that values community ownership through local school board governance and engagement of students, families, and other community stakeholders.

Rationale: The VSBA Board passed its motion following extensive analysis and discussion of the gradual decline in NSBA's focus on supporting community ownership and excellence of public schools over the last decade. Despite extensive efforts by the state associations to help NSBA regain that focus, the VSBA Board concluded that NSBA currently lacks the leadership necessary to bring about the fundamental change necessary for NSBA to regain its important role as an advocate for excellence in public education through school board leadership.

VSBA's decision to maintain membership through June 30, 2022, was based on the fact that all members need to be prepared for the transition and to make sure that those members currently participating in NSBA have ample time to plan for VSBA's departure from the National organization.

Despite this warning and subsequent actions taken by the Delegate Assembly in August of 2021 to successfully change NSBA's Constitution in a manner that was supported by nearly 90% of the NSBA Delegates, NSBA's leadership continues to persist in ineffective behaviors that negatively impact state school boards associations, member public school divisions, and the children served by our K-12 public schools as is evidenced by the recent letter authored by the Interim CEO and the President of NSBA to the Biden Administration.

For Further Information: This decision was made solemnly, judiciously, and with the approval of the VSBA Board of Directors.