

State Board of Education Adopts Keystone Exams Proposal

This week the State Board of Education voted 14-2 with one abstention to adopt the final-form proposed Keystone Exams [regulations](#). The vote came after two days of extensive discussion by the board members and public comment from various education organizations and individuals. PSBA presented [comments](#) to the board on Wednesday, Aug. 12, commending the efforts of Chairman Torsella to find common ground on the issue and stating that the association's board of directors adopted a [resolution](#) last month taking a position that PSBA is unable to support the proposal at this time. PSBA also presented more informal remarks on Thursday, re-stating the association's position and urging the state to acknowledge and build on the good work of school districts to enable all students to achieve. Many members of the State Board emphasized that the work will continue as the new requirements are phased in to implementation with opportunities for stakeholders to become involved in key decisions.

Keystone Exams regulations

<http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/issues-research/2009-10-state-budget/keystone%20exam%20proposal%2008-13-09.pdf>

PSBA Summary of Proposal

<http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/issues-research/keystone-exams/Keystone-Exams-description-7-10-09.pdf>

PSBA statement to Board of Education, August 12, 2009

<http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/advocacy-services/legislative-testimony/testimony-keystone-exams-081209.asp>

PSBA Board of Directors Resolution, July 12, 2009

<http://www.psba.org/issues-advocacy/issues-research/keystone-exams/2009-07-12-Resolution.pdf>