



DRAFT ADVOCACY AGENDA

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The Mexican American School Boards Association (MASBA) is a champion for equity, diversity and inclusion, actively advocating on the issues that most poignantly affect the Hispanic students and English Language Learners in our Texas public schools.

CLOSING GAPS

MASBA advocates *for* programs and practices that more quickly close the achievement gap for all Texas students, especially for the Hispanic students and English Language Learners in our Texas public schools.

MASBA stands *against* all programs and practices that perpetuate and/or widen gaps in student performance.

ENSURING HIGH-QUALITY CURRICULUM

MASBA advocates *for* high-quality curriculum for Texas public school students, particularly with respect to issues of equity, diversity and inclusion. MASBA supports ethnic studies for all students and high-quality dual language programs that promote bilingualism and biliteracy.

MASBA stands *against* all curricula that do not reflect equity, diversity and inclusion, or that negatively portray the history or contributions of the diverse cultures represented by our students.

SOLIDARITY

MASBA stands in solidarity with the students of our Texas public schools—particularly with our Hispanic students and English Language Learners—with their families, and with all persons who support them in achieving their dreams.

MASBA advocates *for* comprehensive immigration reform, *for* all students who were brought to the United States as children and have been educated in our public schools, and *for* the ideals espoused by “sanctuary cities.”

MASBA stands *against* racial profiling and all attempts to unfairly target persons based on race or appearance, and *against* all actions that instill fear and create instability in the lives of our students.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

MASBA advocates *for* racial justice and *for* policies and practices that help to ensure that the faculty, staff members, administrators and trustees of our public schools reflect the diversity and demographics of the students in our public schools.

MASBA stands *against* all attempts to inhibit equity, diversity or inclusion, and *against* all attempts that hinder a person from realizing his/her highest potential.

“Advocating Quality Education for Over 40 Years”

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