Resolutions of Support for the New England Secondary School Consortium

Since 2010, a total of six resolutions of support for the New England Secondary School Consortium and its mission and policy objectives have been drafted, adopted, and signed by legislative bodies, state boards of education, and commissioners of education in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Policy Framework Resolution

Drafted and signed by the five commissioners of education and five state board of education chairs in the Consortium member states.

WHEREAS, the states of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont have forged a regional partnership to strengthen and redesign their secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the five states have embarked on a comprehensive examination of high-leverage state and local policies aimed at redesigning and dramatically improving student achievement and attainment; and

WHEREAS, the analysis of more than twenty-five candidate policies resulted in unanimous agreement on three critical high-leverage policies; and

WHEREAS, the three policies focus on proficiency-based high school graduation, flexible and personalized learning pathways for students, and a new student-centered accountability system; it is, therefore

OUR COLLECTIVE WILL to support and pursue the adoption and implementation of the New England Secondary School Consortium Policy Framework and its three policies as attached and enumerated.


Download the Signed Policy Resolution

Legislative and State Board Resolutions

In 2010, legislators in Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont unanimously passed joint resolutions of support for the New England Secondary School Consortium, a multistate partnership working to foster forward-thinking innovations in the design and delivery of secondary education throughout the region. The five partner states of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont work together to close persistent achievement gaps, promote greater educational equity and opportunity for all students, and lead their educators into a new era of secondary learning. In addition, the Connecticut State Board of Education also voted unanimously to endorse the same resolution of support.
Connecticut
State Board of Education – approved unanimously March 3, 2010

RESOLVED, “That we, the Members of the Connecticut State Board of Education, on behalf of the children we have been entrusted to represent, express our strong support and endorsement of the New England Secondary School Consortium and its goals, strategies and partnerships.”

Maine
Senate: SP685 – passed unanimously February 11, 2010
House: SP685 – passed unanimously February 17, 2010

Joint Resolution In Support of the New England Secondary School Consortium
Senate Sponsors: Justin Alfond, Elizabeth Schneider
House Sponsors: Seth Berry, Alan Casavant, Stephen Lovejoy, Mary Nelson, Helen Rankin, David Richardson, Patricia Sutherland, Joe Wagner

New Hampshire
Senate: SJR3 – passed unanimously March 10, 2010
House – passed by verbal consent April 21, 2010

A Resolution In Support of the New England Secondary School Consortium
Senate Sponsor: Molly Kelly
House Sponsor: Emma Rous

Rhode Island
Senate: S2173 – passed unanimously February 9, 2010
House: H7684 – passed unanimously February 25, 2010

Joint Resolution Supporting the New England Secondary School Consortium
Senate Sponsors: Lou DiPalma, Beatrice Lanzi, Hanna Gallo, Daniel Connors, and M. Teresa Paiva-Weed
House Sponsors: Joseph McNamara, John Savage, Deborah Ruggiero

Vermont
Senate: JRH34 – passed unanimously March 17, 2010
House: JRH34 – passed unanimously February 11, 2010

Joint Resolution in Support of the New England Secondary School Consortium
House Sponsors: Peter Peltz, Gregory Clark, Johannah Donovan, Frank Geier, Anne Mook, Albert Pearce, Peter Perley, Linda Waite-Simpson, and John Zenie