

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE 100% TOBACCO-FREE
SCHOOL CAMPUSES MODEL POLICY**

I **RECOMMEND** that the State Board of Education **ENDORSE** the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has long recognized the efforts by local educational agencies to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education recognizes that local educational agency staff and visitors serve as role models to students; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education is aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of tobacco products to users and non-users alike; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education received a presentation from the Tobacco-Free Delaware County Coalition with the support of the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation and the Ohio Department of Health in July of 2010 proposing that the State Board of Education endorse a 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy; and

WHEREAS the Capacity Committee received presentations and information regarding the 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy; and

WHEREAS the Capacity Committee was informed that at least 12 states have adopted similar tobacco-free school campus model policies and that at last count 114 Ohio school districts have adopted and implemented tobacco-free policies; and

WHEREAS the Capacity Committee received information that while local educational agencies could include the model policy if adopted in student and staff policy manuals, other signage or publication of the model policy would be left to the discretion of the local educational agency, thereby requiring only minimal cost to local educational agencies; and

WHEREAS the Capacity Committee at its April 2011 meeting recommended the endorsement of the 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS endorsement of the 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy will provide a model that local educational agencies can adopt or adapt to their local needs; and

WHEREAS endorsement of the 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy will give direction to local educational agencies to prohibit tobacco use and advertisement on school property; and

WHEREAS endorsement of the 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy directs local educational agencies to consider including and coordinating tobacco-use prevention education with other components of their school health and wellness program:
Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education endorses the 100% Tobacco-Free School Campuses Model Policy; and Be It

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction be, and he hereby is, directed to notify the affected parties of this action by the State Board of Education.