

RESOLUTION
NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

A. WHEREAS the imposition of a direct expense by one level of government upon another without providing the means to defray the imposed expense constitutes an unfunded mandate; and

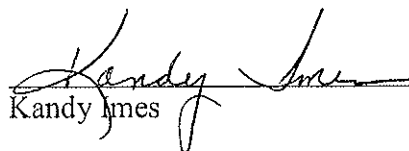
B. WHEREAS unfunded mandates make state and local governments legally responsible for raising and spending taxes on programs over which they have no control whatsoever, and regardless of the efficiency or effectiveness of the programs;

C. WHEREAS the highest priority of the State of Nebraska is the education of its young people; and

D. WHEREAS the State of Nebraska must balance its budget each fiscal year and unfunded mandates imposed upon the State result in substantial pressure either to raise State taxes or to reduce State funding of education in order to pay for the cost of the unfunded mandates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska State Board of Education calls upon the Governor and the Legislature of Nebraska to oppose unfunded mandates and to protect the resources necessary for the provision of a high quality education to the students of our State.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2010.


Kandy Ames

(Passed with 7-0 vote by the State Board of Education at September 2, 2010 meeting)