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The following resolution was unanimously approved by the PSBA Board of Directors on July 12, 2009 in response to the new Keystone Exams Proposal announced on July 9.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been significant debate throughout the Commonwealth as to the propriety of the Keystone Exams and that there has been vigorous discussion within the membership of the Association as to the propriety of such examination; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors has heard the concerns and opinions expressed by the membership of the PSBA; and

WHEREAS, discussions have continued since the March 4, 2009 agreement by different constituents in an effort to improve the Keystone Exams, which have resulted in improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Association acknowledges the good faith efforts of the State Board of Education to reach a suitable compromise; and

WHEREAS, the PSBA has been requested to respond to the most recent outline of the proposal with respect to the Keystone Exams; and

WHEREAS, more information is needed for the PSBA to make an informed decision;

NOW, THEREFORE, *be it resolved*:

1. That, consequently, at this time, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association is unable to support the current outline of the proposal referred to as the Summary Revised Plan for Pennsylvania High School Graduation Requirements, dated July 9, 2009, as currently written;
2. That the Association supports inclusion of all of the proper stakeholders in the future development of the program;
3. That the Board of Directors directs staff of the Association to participate actively in the gathering of necessary information and participate in a constructive manner in the development of a proper or appropriate program, in cooperation with other stakeholders to craft a program that meets the needs and interests of our membership and our students; and
4. That staff of the Association keep the Board of Directors fully informed.