



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6008

Introduced by: **Representative Weis**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Associated School Boards of South Dakota**
2 **to immediately discontinue any affiliation with or participation in the National**
3 **School Boards Association.**

4 WHEREAS, in a letter to President Biden, dated September 29, 2021, the National School
5 Boards Association claimed that "America's public schools and its education leaders" were
6 "under an immediate threat" from attendees at school board meetings across the United
7 States; and

8 WHEREAS, in the letter to President Biden, dated September 29, 2021, the National
9 School Boards Association requested that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other
10 agencies, initiate an investigation of parents and stakeholders, and cited news articles about
11 "extremist hate organizations showing up at school board meetings"; and

12 WHEREAS, in the letter to President Biden, dated September 29, 2021, parents are labeled
13 as domestic terrorists, with no evidence to justify that term; and

14 WHEREAS, in a memorandum dated October 4, 2021, United States Attorney General
15 Merrick Garland indulged the National School Boards Association in its abhorrent attempt to
16 intimidate parents; and

17 WHEREAS, this joint effort of the federal government and the National School Boards
18 Association to smear engaged citizens has served to increase tensions at school board
19 meetings and has imposed a chilling effect on the ability of citizens to exercise their
20 constitutional right to freely petition their government, without fear of reprisal; and

21 WHEREAS, to date, at least twenty-one state school board associations have withdrawn
22 as members of the National School Boards Association; and

1 WHEREAS, under immense public pressure, the National School Boards Association, on
2 October 22, 2021, issued an apology regarding the Association's letter to President Biden;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota issued a statement distancing
5 itself from the actions of the National School Boards Association; and

6 WHEREAS, the correspondence referenced herein requires a response that, rather than
7 merely provide distance, sets forth, in no uncertain terms, South Dakotans do not, and will
8 not, support any organization that engages in threatening, antagonistic, or un-American
9 behavior toward concerned citizens:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
11 Seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that South
12 Dakotans are involved and engaged in their government, at all levels, and they care enough
13 to fight for a better and brighter future -- a goal that should never be questioned or subverted
14 by any entity; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because the position taken by the National School Boards
16 Association is not in line with South Dakota values or the future that South Dakotans see for
17 succeeding generations, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota is urged to
18 immediately discontinue any affiliation with or participation in the National School Boards
19 Association.