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News Update

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LSBA Membership Status in NSBA

On Friday, October 15, 2021, the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA) Board of Directors held a meeting. The agenda included consideration of the LSBA's continued involvement in the National School Boards Association (NSBA). After discussing benefits and concerns, the LSBA Board of Directors voted to direct the Executive Director of the LSBA to notify the NSBA that the Association would not continue membership.

The Association has not yet paid membership dues to the NSBA for the 2021-2022 year, so there is no expected revenue forfeiture associated with this decision. This decision follows the NSBA's recent request for federal intervention (*See the LSBA's response to the NSBA's request issued October 8, 2021*). However, the LSBA Board of Directors had previously taken under advisement a possible withdrawal from the NSBA due to ongoing concerns over management, leadership, and the general direction of their organization.

Today's decision by the LSBA Board of Directors is an official response that the LSBA can no longer identify the value of continued membership in the organization. The LSBA Board of Directors feels it is best to redirect the resources previously allocated to the NSBA to educational advocacy efforts that more closely align with the LSBA's guiding principles developed by its membership.

The LSBA is committed to supporting school systems across the state. We thank you for your leadership in public education and look forward to new and exciting opportunities for our members.

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