

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP declares access to public transportation to be a basic civil right that is accessible to all regardless of a citizen's address, race, age, religion, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation, or physical and financial ability.

EDUCATION

1. *Multilingual Curriculum Integrated into Public Schools*

WHEREAS, American schools today have to transform to reflect the changes in our global economy; and

WHEREAS, multiple studies have uncovered a correlation between academic performance and a second language integrated into the school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, teachers and administrators can take the first step to empower all of their students to succeed-no matter their native language-and embrace the cultural richness and linguistic diversity they bring to the student body; and

WHEREAS, dual-language immersion programs offer one of the most valuable methods of language acquisition; and

WHEREAS, research shows that speaking multiple languages increases cognitive abilities such as brain flexibility, ability to switch between multiple tasks, attention, and conflict management; and

WHEREAS, our students need every tool available to be prepared to compete in a global economy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and its units will strongly advocate for Federal, State, and local Education Departments to increase funding to integrate multilingual curriculum, which is not limited to Eurocentric languages, but also inclusive of other non-European cultures, dialects, and languages, as a standard, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NAACP will join forces with other organizations to encourage public school districts to institute multilingual curriculum into their course of study for all students.

2. Standard Grading Policies

WHEREAS, the NAACP passed a resolution in 1976 which called for NAACP units to urge their respective states to establish a task force for the development of an Office of Consumer Affairs in Testing and Student Evaluation; and

WHEREAS, in the alternative, that resolution called for the states to assign responsibility to an existing state agency capable of pursuing the objectives therein. The responsibilities of this agency would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Consumer advocacy regarding the use and misuse of tests as well as advising parents of their legal rights in the testing of their children;
- (b) Advocacy for the adoption of a "Truth-in-Testing" law;
- (c) A test review board to scrutinize and systematically monitor test utility, development, policies and practices of all agencies employing assessment procedures;
- (d) The development of informational advisory centers and layperson documents on testing for parents of school children; AND
- (e) The development of comprehensive Statewide Standards on Testing which reflect the interests of minority groups on the testing issue.

WHEREAS, transparency in grading is inextricably linked with the aforementioned concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) reaffirms its 1976 resolution to urge its units to urge their respective States to establish an Office of Consumer Affairs in Testing and Student Evaluation and reaffirms its 2014 Resolution, "Accountability and Assessment: Measuring Student Learning."

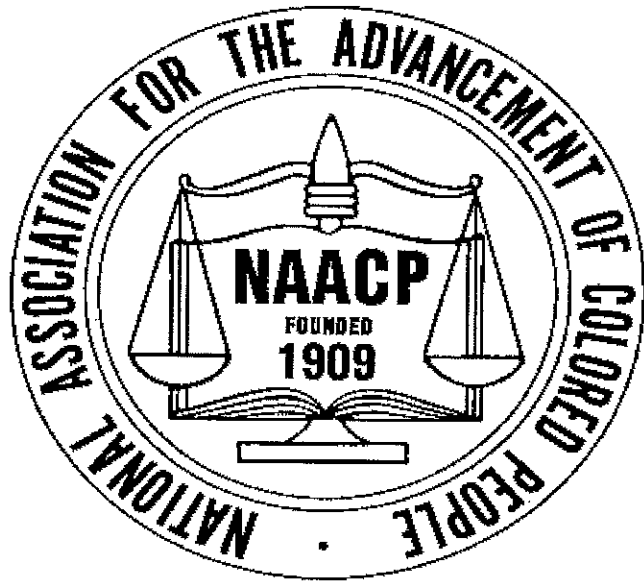
3. Calling for Moratorium on Charter School Expansion and Strengthening of Oversight in Governance and Practice

WHEREAS, charter schools have been a rapidly growing sector of the education system, increasingly targeting low-income areas and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, charter schools with privately appointed boards do not represent the public yet make decisions about how public funds are spent; and

WHEREAS, charter schools have contributed to the increased segregation rather than diverse integration of our public school system; and

WHEREAS, research and reports have documented disproportionately high use of punitive and exclusionary discipline in addition to differential



RESOLUTIONS

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