

**NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
SCHOOL TRUST LANDS AND FUNDS
April 13, 2007**

*Resolution passed by the National School Boards Association's
Delegate Assembly in San Francisco, California*

1. NSBA urges Congress to support public schools by ensuring that the historic school trust
2. lands are allowed to fulfill the purpose for which they were originally created. Congress
3. should ensure that any federal legislation is consistent with legally recognized trust
4. principles of sound financial management that provide the maximum benefit to the
5. children in public schools and communities who are the beneficiaries of those trusts.
6. Further, funding for school trust land should not supplant existing educational funding.

RATIONALE:

- Congress established school trust lands and corresponding permanent school funds for the benefit of public education.
- Congress in creating school trust lands recognized the equity in compensating states with vast acres of untaxable federal land.
- The prudent maintenance and fiscal management of school trust lands provides essential funding for public schools and their communities.
- Maintenance of school trust land funding will only occur with effective dissemination of information and advocacy at the federal level of government.

Submitted by: The Washington State School Directors' Association, the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Idaho School Boards Association, and the Utah School Boards Association