

## **Resolution 14-01 Opposing Waivers for Physical Education**

**WHEREAS**, The Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. (PSAHPERD) has a membership partly comprised of certified health education and physical education teachers (CSPG #47) whose instruction is required to follow Pennsylvania School Code Title 22, Chapter 4; and

**WHEREAS**, PSAHPERD has a membership partly comprised of higher education instructors and professors in health education and physical education whose responsibility is to prepare pre-service undergraduates to teach health education and physical education according to Pennsylvania School Code Title 22, Chapter 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania State Board of Education delineates in Pennsylvania School Code Title 22, Chapter 4 Sections 12 (a)(6) and 21-23 that public education must provide planned instruction to enable students to attain the objectives for the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education, with procedures to measure the attainment of those objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, PSAHPERD, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, supports the alignment of K-12 public education health and physical education curriculum with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education; and

**WHEREAS**, classroom teachers (excluding health education and physical education teachers), coaches, athletic trainers, physical therapists, music educators, military officers and activity leaders do not hold teacher certification in health education and physical education (CSPG #47); and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Education on its website notes: “Neither the Pennsylvania School Code nor the State Board of Education allows for waivers for students from the requirements of health and physical education due to participation in a physical activity, such as interscholastic sports, band or ROTC. Physical activity is only one component of physical education and physical activity does not meet all of the requirements and standards of physical education”;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance is opposed to waiving health and physical education requirements by allowing students to substitute participation in another subject, elective or outside activity (such as band, ROTC, interscholastic sports or recreational activities in leagues or fitness facilities) for credit in physical education.

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