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After a lengthy discussion and careful consideration, the NC School Boards Association (NCSBA) Board of Directors voted yesterday to terminate its membership with the National School Boards Association (NSBA). This decision will be effective at the end of the term for which NCSBA has paid its NSBA dues, June 30.

For a number of years, some of the state school boards associations, including North Carolina, have voiced concerns over governance and financial issues at NSBA. During that time, little has been done to address these concerns. The September 29 letter from NSBA to President Biden, in both its inflammatory language and the request for federal agencies to intervene in our communities, was just one in a series of lapses in governance.

NCSBA shares its members' concerns about safety at school board meetings. As a proponent of local control, NCSBA believes that local law enforcement is in the best position to respond to those concerns and seek outside assistance if necessary.

This decision to leave NSBA was not made lightly. To date, ten states have officially withdrawn from NSBA. Another six state associations have not paid their dues for this year. NCSBA will seek out opportunities to collaborate with other state associations to make sure that the national training opportunities and advocacy at the federal level continue. If you wish to discuss this decision, please feel free to reach out to either of us.

Sincerely,

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