



Illinois Journalism Education Association

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A Resolution by the Illinois Journalism Education Association

Whereas scholastic journalism has been a part of high school curriculums for decades; and

Whereas the goal of scholastic journalism programs across the nation is to enable young people to learn and practice journalism through defending the First Amendment, writing, editing and producing student publications; and,

Whereas research has shown that students who are trained in and practice journalism have a higher achievement level on standardized tests and college English classes; and,

Whereas young journalists are taught and mentored by passionate journalism educators; and,

Whereas journalism and student media programs introduce high school students to a free and responsible press;


Now, therefore, the Board of Directors of the Illinois Journalism Education Association, do hereby

Resolve that the Illinois Journalism Education Association urges school districts and school administrators to preserve, enhance and support independent student media; and further

Resolve that the Illinois Journalism Education Association supports and defends media advisers and strongly objects to random reassignment or removal of advisers on a random basis; and further

Resolve that the Illinois Journalism Education Association applauds the efforts of journalism educators for providing students the skills and education to produce free, responsible and independent student media.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of March, 2013


Sally Renaud, executive director