

New York State Educational Conference Board



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The New York State Educational Conference Board — comprised of the Association of School Business Officials, Conference of Big 5 School Districts, New York State Council of School Superintendents, New York State PTA, New York State School Boards Association, New York State United Teachers, and the School Administrators Association of New York State — strongly supports this legislation and encourages your approval.

This bill would allow Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to lease buildings from public entities for a period of up to twenty years, bringing it in line with the lease terms currently allowed when BOCES lease from a private entity. Under existing law, BOCES can lease buildings from public entities for a maximum of ten years.

This change will provide additional time for BOCES to amortize the cost of upgrades and building improvements, which will provide fiscal relief for BOCES and their component districts and allow them to improve services and opportunities for students.

Therefore, our organizations fully support this legislation and urge you to do the same before this year's legislative session is complete.