

Resolution Number: 402-2026

Title: Adoption of Interim Policy: Amendment to Current Statements of Position or Policy I-1
Fluoridation

Reference Committee Assignment: Professional Issues

Sponsor(s): 2025-26 Board of Trustees

Financial Impact: None

Board of Trustees Comments: The Board recommends a yes vote.

Board Vote: Unanimous

Summary of Board Vote: Nothing to report as the vote was unanimous.

Reference Committee Comments:

Background: The Board of Trustees recognizing the shift in the Trump administration's stance on fluoride wanted to proactively ensure the association's stance on fluoride reflected evidence- based recommendations. Therefore the Board adopted the following resolution at its April 2025 meeting and asks the House of delegates to officially adopt it as ASDA policy; therefore, be it

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Current Statements of Position or Policy I-1 Fluoridation be amended as follows:

The American Student Dental Association encourages the fluoridation of community water supplies at optimal levels as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ASDA supports the use of fluoridated products as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

ASDA supports fluoride, a naturally occurring mineral, as an evidence-based local and systemic therapy in the prevention of tooth decay. This can include community water fluoridation, topical fluoride, and other fluoride products.

ASDA urges dental professionals and dental societies to continue sharing scientific information regarding the safety and efficacy of fluoridating community water supplies with policymakers and the public.

ASDA supports and advocates for ongoing research on the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation.

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