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NY Private School Survey Results

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Executive Directors & Commissioners,

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent survey regarding private school participation in state high school associations. Your input has provided a clear, nationwide perspective on how this important issue is being addressed across the country.

Below is a summary of the collective data from all **51** state associations that responded.

Overview:

The survey results show that nearly every state includes private schools within their membership and allows them to compete alongside public schools in state championships. However, member concerns, competitive balance discussions, and legislative involvement remain consistent themes across many associations.

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Key Findings

Membership Inclusion:

- 96% (49 states) include private schools as members.
- 2 states—Maryland and Texas—do not include private schools.

Championship Participation:

- 94% (48 states) conduct combined championships with both public and private schools.
- Only 3 states—Tennessee, Georgia, and New Jersey—host separate championships or divisions.

Separate Championships:

- 8% (4 states) host separate championships.
- 92% (47 states) do not.

Member Concerns:

- 88% (45 states) have received concerns from members about private school participation.
- 8% (4 states) have not received concerns.
- 4% (2 states) indicated this question was not applicable.

Litigation (Past 10 Years):

- 24% (12 states) have been sued or threatened with litigation.
- 65% (33 states) have not faced legal action.
- 12% (6 states) described situations as too complex for a simple “yes” or “no.”

Legislative Activity (Past 10 Years):

- 22% (11 states) said their legislature has considered private school–related legislation.
- 57% (29 states) said no.
- 21% (11 states) noted situations were too complicated for yes/no.

Summary Snapshot

Category	Yes	No	Other/NA
<i>Private schools included in membership</i>	96%	4%	—
<i>Combined championships</i>	94%	6%	—
<i>Separate championships</i>	8%	92%	—
<i>Membership concerns</i>	88%	8%	4%
<i>Litigation (past decade)</i>	24%	65%	12%
<i>Legislative consideration</i>	22%	57%	21%

Key Takeaways:

- Inclusion is the national standard: Nearly every state integrates private schools into their membership and championships.
- Concerns are common: Member schools in most states continue to raise issues of competitive balance and fairness.
- Limited but notable legal/legislative action: Roughly one in four states have faced litigation or legislative attention concerning private school participation.
- Few states maintain separate systems: Separation between public and private schools is now the exception, not the rule.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of the survey results.

Thank you.

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