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Fair Funding For Our Future Resolution

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that the state budget should prioritize the needs of public education students; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the restoration of the state's commitment to two-thirds funding the cost of public K-12 education through the ***Fair Funding for our Future*** plan; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., believes that the ***Fair Funding for our Future*** plan is an educational repair bill that creates stability in funding at a base level, embracing sustainability and transparency; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan's hold on property taxes; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan ensuring that no district can lose more that 10% of its state aid in a single year; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports guaranteed state funding for every student at a minimum level of $3000; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan's proposal to increase the hold harmless at 90% of the prior year; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan's proposal that the secondary cost ceiling equals the state average; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan's call to increase the revenue limit by increasing the per pupil allocation by $225 in 13-14 and by $230 in 14-15 at a minimum; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to increase general aid by 3.75% in FY 13-14 and 4.5% in FY 14-15 at a minimum; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to at a minimum increase special education reimbursement from 26% to 28%; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to at a minimum increase high cost special education reimbursement from 45% to 55%; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to at a minimum increase bilingual-bicultural aid reimbursement from 8% to 12%; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to fully-fund the SAGE program at $2,250 per eligible student; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to add new categorical aids like supplemental bilingual-bicultural aid; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to add new categorical aids like high-cost transportation aid; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to create a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) initiative by awarding competitive grants to districts implementing STEM activities; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to promote college & career readiness/career and technical education through providing $1,000 per student to districts graduating students with high-need industry certification; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to increase accountability by supporting best practices of high-performing schools and invest in reading and math coaches in lower-performing schools; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to increase graduation rates by targeting grants to districts with persistent graduation and/or dropout issues; and

Whereas the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the fact that this plan accounts for family income and poverty; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan to direct all state aid directly to schools; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the plan to provide additional revenue limit authority to all school districts;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., hereby expresses its support for the ***Fair Funding for our Future*** proposal outlined above.

On behalf of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et.al, Board of Education and the Administrative Staff,

Kurt D. Wachholz
Superintendent of Schools

January 14, 2013
Date

Susan Stalewski
Board of Education President

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Public Education Funding in Wisconsin Resolution

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that the state should revise the public education policy for the State of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the views of the Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA) stance on public education funding in Wisconsin, the 2013-2015 budget, and the value of public education over the long term; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the Fair Funding for our Future proposal from the Department of Public Instruction serving as a budget repair bill effort which at its base is sound public policy designed for the benefit of all Wisconsin school children; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the Fair Funding for our Future proposal from the Department of Public Instruction as a comprehensive plan designed to provide financial stability for the funding of our schools in order to support our children, and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that additional steps are needed to insure that all school districts continue to move forward beginning with the 2013-2015 biennial budget, and beyond; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that unless the DPI proposal is fully funded now and into the future, it cannot accomplish its goal; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes the need to increase the revenue limit (tied to the CPI) and the resources required to fund that increase now and into the future must be a part of any comprehensive funding plan; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that the DPI proposal addresses funding needs in areas of poverty, special education, SAGE, district enrollment fluctuations, and student transportation, these needs must be secured in the form of on-going guarantees; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that additional school financing and policy needs to be addressed; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that, in moving forward, 2/3 funding must be guaranteed; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that no financial or enrollment increases should be allowed to choice, voucher, and independent charter schools

until there are accountability measures, expectations and mandates for not only public schools but all schools receiving public funding; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that these expectations and mandates include but are not limited to: student enrollment, assessment, due process, academic reporting, licensure, teacher and principal evaluation mandates and other instructional requirements; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that the special education categorical aid must be a "sum-sufficient" appropriation for special education as well as the Special Education Voucher payment recently enacted; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that there needs to be an increase in the low-revenue ceiling; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that flexibility to control our costs locally must be provided to school districts in the days, hours and minutes requirement of traditional seat time in order to enable them to pursue innovative instructional programming and customized learning for all Wisconsin school children as long as achievement standards are met; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et al., hereby expresses its support for revising the public education policy for Wisconsin outlined above.

On behalf of the School District of West Allis - West Milwaukee, et.al, Board of Education and the Administrative Staff,

Kurt D. Wachholz
Superintendent of Schools

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Continued SAGE Program Resolution

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education believes that the state should prioritize the need for funding for the SAGE (Student Achievement Guarantee in Education) for students in grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 students; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the proposal to fully-fund the SAGE program at $2,250 per eligible student as identified by the Department of Public Instruction; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the continued student-to-teacher ratio of 18:1 or 30:2 in Kindergarten to Grade 3 for the SAGE program; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the increased collaboration between schools and their communities for the SAGE program; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the implementation of a rigorous curriculum through identified SAGE goals for the SAGE program; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education supports the improved instructional practices that increased student achievement for the SAGE program; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education is proud to say that the SAGE program is instrumental in raising student achievement with 93% of all Kindergarten-Grade 3 students meeting rigorous performance objects and exceeding State SAGE expectations by 13% in reading; and

Whereas, the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., Board of Education is proud to say that the SAGE program is instrumental in raising student achievement with 89% of all Kindergarten to Grade 3 students meeting rigorous performance objectives and exceeding State SAGE expectations by 9% in math; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., hereby expresses its support for maintaining the SAGE Program proposal outlined above.

On behalf of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et.al, Board of Education and the Administrative Staff,

Kurt D. Wachholz
Superintendent of Schools

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