

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLBY EDUCATION CENTER

STEVEN KOLDEN, SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION on Public School Financing

WHEREAS, Act X, section (2) of the Wisconsin Constitution states:

The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of district school, which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable; and such school shall be free and without charge for tuition to all children between the ages of 4 and 20 years..” and

WHEREAS, The Colby School District has previously adopted resolutions to address the funding inequity in public education, and

WHEREAS, anything less than an inflationary increase in per pupil revenues will require reductions in staff and opportunities for children, and

WHEREAS, the 2015-17 biennial budget includes no revenue limit increases, and

WHEREAS, with no increases in revenue limit, any additional state dollars for K-12 education will reduce property taxes, rather than opportunities in classrooms, and

WHEREAS, the total 2015-17 biennial budget results in a net loss of funding for public school, and

WHEREAS, under the current budget the Colby School District will see a \$144,600 decrease in funds available for children, and

WHEREAS, the current budget expands the use of public dollars for private education while reducing dollars for public education, and

WHEREAS, The school levy credits for the Colby School District actually result in our local taxpayers paying more in taxes for public schools, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School District of Colby SUPPORTS redistribution of the school levy credits to general aid for public education, SUPPORTS the allocation of additional revenue for public education, and SUPPORTS legislation that allows for an increase in the revenue cap equal to or greater than the rate of inflation.

ADOPTED by the Colby Board of Education on this 16th day of March, 2015, by affirmative vote.



Colby Board of Education President



Colby Board of Education Clerk