



**RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF RACINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RACINE, WISCONSIN**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker's proposed budget eliminates per pupil aid in public school funding for the 2015-2016 school year which results in \$3,128,400 or 1.5% cut to base funding for Racine Unified School District;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker's proposed budget changes the funding method for private school vouchers so for the 2015-16 school year cuts must be made to a district's budget for every new voucher student equivalent to the per-pupil general aid received resulting in an additional \$3.1 million cut to base funding for the Racine Unified School District;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the 2015-16 decrease of per pupil aid and required voucher reductions, Governor Walker's budget plan also includes no revenue limit per pupil increase which will require cuts to district budgets rather than allowances to cover basic inflationary increases in costs;

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposal by Governor Walker provides no increase in categorical aid funding for special education services and bilingual programs despite growing costs;

**WHEREAS**, when all the state aid cuts, freezes and changes are factored together the overall impact results in as much as \$10 million in reductions in educational opportunities for public school children in the Racine Unified School District;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker's budget proposes to phase out state integration aid which will result in Racine Unified School District losing \$8.8 million of these state funds which eventually will cause property taxes to increase by more than 10%;

**WHEREAS**, the budget proposal of Governor Walker proposes increased school levy credits of \$105.6 million which will provide a greater benefit to taxpayers in districts with greater property wealth and higher spending rather than taxpayers in the Racine Unified School District;

**WHEREAS**, the state budget proposals run counter to progress being made by the Racine Unified School District that reduced property taxes for the citizens of the District, showed improved student achievement, and gained confidence of the community by successfully passing a \$127.5 million referendum for building improvements, technology, and safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Racine Unified School District Board of Education strongly encourages the Governor and State Legislature to revise the state budget to restore school funding in 2015-17 to educationally adequate levels and to adjust the budget to provide a fair and equitable allocation of financial resources to the benefit of the taxpayers of the Racine Unified School District.

Approved by unanimous vote by the Racine Unified School District Board of Education Legislative Committee on March 5, 2015

Approved by the Racine Unified School District Board of Education on March 16, 2015