

**BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE BERRIEN COUNTY 5th YEAR EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (Berrien RESA) provides services to the local public school districts in Berrien County, including post-secondary opportunities;

WHEREAS, the New Buffalo Board of Education is committed to developing new, innovative approaches to teaching and learning in our existing and future schools.

WHEREAS, the New Buffalo Board of Education endorses the Berrien County 5TH Year Early Middle College Model for the local public school districts in Berrien County as a partnership between Lake Michigan College, Berrien RESA and local school districts with the potential for expansion to include additional postsecondary partners.

The Berrien County 5th Year Early Middle College Model consist of:

- An early college “without walls” for Berrien County students
- Early College application approval from the Michigan Department of Education
- An application process during the 10th grade year of high school for admittance in the 11th grade
- Programming at the high school and LMC campuses
- Attainment of an Associate’s Degree, Industry Certification, Or Michigan Early Middle College Association Certificate (MEMCA) by the end of grade 13

WHEREAS, the New Buffalo Board of Education endorses the Berrien County 5th Year Early Middle College Model for the students in Berrien County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education endorses the Berrien County 5th Year Early Middle College and recommends implementation as a best practice for eligible students in the Berrien County.

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Board President

February 22, 2016
Date

Board Secretary

February 22, 2016
Date