

**LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FULL, PERMANENT FUNDING OF IDEA

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan (the “School District”), held in the School District on March 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Members: _____

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, public education is the cornerstone of our democracy, providing fundamental skills and opportunity to children across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, In the decade following the Great Recession, students across the U.S. lost nearly \$600 billion from the states’ disinvestment in their public schools; and

WHEREAS, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, both state and federal funding for public schools was already failing to meet the critical needs of students across the country; and,

WHEREAS, since the COVID-19 pandemic, students have needed additional academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs being met through targeted programming and additional personnel, enhanced professional development opportunities, new technology as well as critical updates to school facilities; and,

WHEREAS, research has consistently shown that increased education funding positively affects academic performance, increases graduation rates, and impacts future earnings; and,

WHEREAS, when Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was passed in 1975, the federal government committed to pay 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for special education to ensure that every child with a disability has access to a high quality education; and,

WHEREAS, the financial pledge for IDEA has never been met and is currently funded at approximately 10.7 percent, leaving a gap of billions of dollars needed for students; and,

WHEREAS, Lake Orion Community Schools is proud to serve a student population that includes 14% percent of students with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, when Lake Orion Community Schools’ costs to deliver the important services required under IDEA are not properly funded by the federal government, it requires us to reallocate money from other programs to make up for it; and, WHEREAS, the federal underfunding of IDEA has negatively impacted the academic opportunities of all students for generations, not just those with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education as follows:

The Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education calls on Congress to immediately pass the IDEA Full Funding Act (S.2217/H.R. 4519) which would create a 10 year mandatory path to fully fund IDEA; and,

The Lake Orion Community Schools Board of Education calls on the state legislature to provide adequate, equitable, and sustainable funding increases to districts to mitigate the harm caused by decades of underfunded schools.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Susan Flaherty
Secretary, Board of Education

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2025, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Susan Flaherty
Secretary, Board of Education