

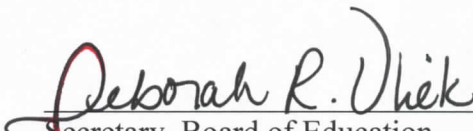
**Resolution Endorsing**  
**Kalamazoo County Local Housing Assistance Fund Millage Proposition**  
(Homes for Kalamazoo County Families with Children)

**WHEREAS:**

1. Over 1200 children in Kindergarten through 12th Grade experienced homelessness during the 2014-15 school year, from all nine school districts in Kalamazoo County, according to the McKinney Vento data collected by the KRESA Homeless Liaison.
2. Homelessness affects children in all nine school districts in Kalamazoo County. Homeless students often come to school tired and hungry as their basic needs have not been met. This often leads to a range of difficulties for the students that have an adverse impact on their ability to learn and function effectively as a student.
3. The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners voted on July 21, 2015, to put a .1 mill proposal on the November 3, 2015 ballot, for homes for Kalamazoo County families with children.
4. If passed, the millage will provide supportive housing for families identified through their children's public schools throughout Kalamazoo County.
5. The millage will cost \$5 per year for the owner of a house valued at \$100,000 (\$50,000 taxable) and is expected to generate \$800,000 per year for 6 years.
6. By reducing the stress and trauma of homelessness for children in our schools, we can significantly improve their chances for school success and positive life outcomes.
7. This board wants to express its support for the Kalamazoo County Local Housing Assistance Fund millage proposition to be voted upon at an election on November 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo RESA Board of Education hereby declares its support for the Kalamazoo County Local Housing Assistance Fund Millage proposal on the November 3, 2015 ballot to provide supportive housing for families with children in all of the Kalamazoo County school districts.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education for Kalamazoo RESA, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the board at a regular meeting held on September 17, 2015, the original of which is part of the board's minutes.

  
Secretary, Board of Education