

**Livonia Public Schools School District
Resolution to Protect School Aid Fund Revenue**

WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a successful economic turnaround and investment in education is the key to a new Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the children of Michigan deserve educational opportunities that allow them to compete on a national and international basis; and

WHEREAS, the long-term economic health of our state and opportunity for our citizens is conditioned on meaningful structural reform to provide stable and fair funding for education; and

WHEREAS, the personal property tax repeal called for by SB 34 would amend the General Property Tax to exempt all personal property from the collection of taxes levied after December 31, 2011, and

WHEREAS, SB 34 would reduce by over \$550 million the available funding to schools statewide, or a reduction of approximately \$350 per student statewide.

WHEREAS, the impact to Livonia Public Schools' debt/sinking fund would be \$1.5 million.

WHEREAS, SB 34 would increase the tax burden on homeowners because of the loss of personal property tax debt millage,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District encourages the Governor and legislature to fully replace the revenues lost through proposed cuts to the personal property tax, and

BE IT FURTHER REVOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District encourages the Governor and legislature to meet their constitutional responsibility to the children of this state and focus on the perennial and structural deficit that plagues school finance in Michigan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs its secretary to send copies of this resolution to the Governor and State Legislators representing this school district, as well as the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District at a meeting thereof held on the 21st day of November, 2011, by the following vote of the trustees thereof:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Robert J. Freeman, Secretary