

_____ **Board of Education**

A RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, education “standards” define expectations of what students should know at the conclusion of a course of study. Standards do not dictate curriculum or prescribe a particular method of instruction.

WHEREAS, the _____ Board of Education recognizes that in order for students to compete in a knowledge-based, global economy, Michigan needs consistent standards that will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students, regardless of where they live.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards were developed by states, for states, to provide a consistent set of clear K-12 expectations that outline the knowledge and skills students need in English/language arts and mathematics to lead to career- and college-readiness.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards promote equity by ensuring all students, no matter where they live, are well prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary to compete with their peers in the United States and abroad.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards emphasize real world skills in math, reading and writing along with critical thinking and problem solving skills that better prepare students for college, for work and for being more informed citizens.

WHEREAS, the Common Core State Standards maintain local control of curriculum and teaching methods and build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards.

WHEREAS, local school districts will continue to control the textbooks, educational materials and instructional methods used by teachers to teach at or above the level of rigor required by the Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, the members of the Michigan State Board of Education voted unanimously on June 15, 2010 to adopt the Common Core State Standards as the Michigan Core Standards for mathematics and English/language arts.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature inserted language into the Michigan Department of Education budget that effectively prohibits Michigan from participating in the career- and college-ready Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, the failure to implement the Common Core State Standards will jeopardize the waiver Michigan received under the No Child Left Behind Act, causing a majority school districts in the state to fall below the adequate yearly progress standard.

WHEREAS, Michigan school districts have already begun to implement the Common Core State Standards and abandoning the implementation of the standards will lead to confusion for teachers and students as to what is expected of them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Board of Education endorses the principles and goals of the Common Core State Standards as adopted and strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to support and fund their continued implementation in Michigan's public education system in order to maintain Michigan's commitment to rigorous expectations for all students.

PASSED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2013

_____ Board of Education

_____, President

_____, Secretary