

Resolution 2009-10-03
Support for Ballot Measures 66 & 67
The 2009 Budget-Balancing Revenue Package

WHEREAS, the 2009 Legislature, when faced with damaging cuts to state and local services as a result of the continuing national fiscal crisis, chose to enact modest but significant increases to the corporate minimum tax, the corporate income tax and income taxes on high income households and wage earners; and

WHEREAS, the legislature used the \$733 million raised through this ‘tax fairness’ package in conjunction with significant cuts to services to take a balance approach to finalizing the 2009-11 biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, opponents of the revenue measures have submitted enough valid signatures to refer the two measures to a January 26 statewide special election in an effort to overturn the package and by extension destabilize the state budget; and

WHEREAS, should the legislative revenue package be overturned, the remaining option for the legislature would be to enact across-the-board service cuts in order to preserve a balanced budget, and thus reduce the 2009-2011 State School Fund by approximately \$285.5 million; and

WHEREAS, a statewide reduction would mean a loss of \$1,236,035 for the Morrow County School District, which is the equivalent of 20 teachers or 18 instructional days ; and

WHEREAS, a YES vote on Ballot Measures 66 & 67 will mean sustaining the tax fairness package.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Morrow County School District Board of Directors fully supports upholding the 2009 budget balancing revenue package (Ballot Measures 66 & 67);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Morrow County School District Board of Directors strongly urges parents, staff and community members to vote YES on Ballot Measures 66 & 67 and to actively support the measures.

Adopted this 14th day of December, 2009.

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board
Morrow County School District

Attest:

Mark Burrows, Superintendent