



Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, locally elected school boards are positioned best to represent their students, staff, parents and community members and address local needs and challenges; and

WHEREAS, each school district faces unique needs which depend on a variety of factors including demographics, geography and district size; and

WHEREAS, just like legislative leaders, locally elected school boards are held accountable through Minnesota's elections process; and

WHEREAS, school board policies at the local level are enacted only after a comprehensive, legal and open process; and

WHEREAS, under Minnesota's Open Meeting Law, school board business generally occurs in meetings that are scheduled, publicized and accessible to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, preservation of local control in Minnesota has yielded statewide benefits, such as Minnesota scoring higher on average than our national peers on the ACT college entrance exam in 2019; and

WHEREAS, one-size-fits-all mandates stifle innovation and creativity and consume staff time and resources; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 bills to restrict local decision-making were introduced in the 2019-20 biennium thus far; and

WHEREAS, excellence in student achievement for all Minnesota students guides the work of the school board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT DISTRICT 0832, Mahtomedi Public Schools supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that restricts the ability for locally elected school boards to respond to the needs of their districts, students and communities.

ADOPTED by the Mahtomedi Public School Board this 27th day of February 2020.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: _____ and the following voted against: _____, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on February 27, 2020.