

# **Livonia Public Schools**

## **COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

At a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "School District"), held in the School District on November 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Members: Karen Bradford, Crystal Frank, Colleen Burton, Mark Johnson, Liz Jarvis, Dave MacFarland

ABSENT: Members: Madeline Acosta

### **RESOLUTION DECLINING OPT-IN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GRANT UNDER SECTION 31aa(2)**

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Colleen Burton and supported by Member Liz Jarvis.

WHEREAS, the Legislature under Section 31aa(2) of the State School Aid Act (MCL §388.1631aa(2)) has allocated a portion of the 2025-26 appropriated State School Aid funding as non-competitive grant funding available to public schools for use on activities improving mental health and student safety ("Section 31aa(2) Grant Funding"),

WHEREAS, the Section 31aa(2) Grant Funding requires a public school to opt-in and agree to various terms in order to receive the funding ("Section 31aa(2) Opt-In");

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Education ("MDE") has developed a *Mental Health and School Safety Grant (31aa(2)) Opt-In Form FY26* template, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which sets forth all of the terms required to receive the Section 31aa(2) Grant Funding ("Section 31aa(2) Opt-In Form");

WHEREAS, the Section 31aa(2) Opt-In Form must be submitted to the State on or before November 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, Section 31aa(9) of the State School Aid Act (MCL §388.1631aa(9)) further requires, as part of the Section 31aa(2) Opt-In, that if a "mass casualty event" occurs on school grounds or at a school sponsored event, the public school must agree to: (i) be subject to and comply with a comprehensive investigation of the mass casualty event; and (ii) waive any privilege that may otherwise protect information from disclosure in the event of a "mass casualty event";

WHEREAS, the definitions for the terms “comprehensive investigation” and “mass casualty event” are set forth in the Section 31aa(2) Opt-In Form and MCL 388.1631aa;

WHEREAS, the School District understands, respects and supports the Legislature’s desire to provide transparency and accountability in the aftermath of a school tragedy but various legal concerns, questions and unknowns have been identified by the School District’s legal counsel regarding the Section 31aa(2) Grant Funding which could expose the School District, its students and staff, to future liabilities and other adverse consequences,

WHEREAS, the School District is aware that a coalition of school districts and intermediate schools districts are proposing to file a lawsuit against the State challenging the constitutionality of various aspects of the Section 31aa Grant Funding including the waiver of privilege requirement under Section 31aa(9); and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that it is not in its the best interest of the School District, its students and staff to Opt-In to receive the Section 31aa(2) Grant Funding

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN THAT:**

1. The School District has determined, in consultation with its legal counsel, based on the liability exposure and other concerns, that it is not in the best interest of the School District to Opt-In to receive the Section 31aa(2) Grant Funding.

2. The School District further authorizes participation in the proposed lawsuit against the State and such other defendants as may be appropriate, challenging the constitutionality of Section 31aa(2) and (9).

3 All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

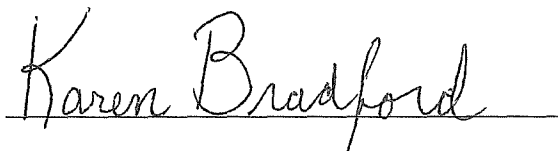
Ayes: (6) K. Bradford; C. Burton; L. Jarvis;  
Dave MacFarland; C. Frank; M. Johnson

Nays: (0)

Absent: Madeline Acosta

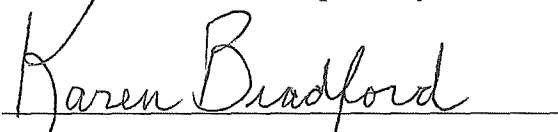
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RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Secretary, Board of Education

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of Livonia Public Schools School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on November 11, 2025, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Bradford", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary, Board of Education