Resolution Asking the Minnesota Legislature to Fully Fund Minnesota's Public Schools

Whereas, most Minnesotans want similar things for our children, including safe and supportive public schools where all students — no matter what they look like or where they come from — can thrive and succeed;

Whereas, public schools in Minnesota have faced decades of chronic underfunding;

Whereas, all Minnesota students are in desperate need of more school social workers, nurses, counselors, psychologists and other support staff;

Whereas, too many students are trying to learn in overcrowded, outdated and under-resourced classrooms and buildings;

Whereas, we need to build culturally responsive schools that reflect the diverse students they serve so all feel welcome and valued;

Whereas, all educators working with our students deserve more respect for the contribution to the care and education of our children — including better pay, affordable health care and safe working conditions;

Be it resolved that the School Board of the Duluth Public Schools call on the governor and Minnesota Legislature to find the courage and the political will to raise taxes on the wealthiest 1 percent and largest corporations and fully fund Minnesota's public schools so all students can receive the opportunities and supports they deserve.