

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STATE SCHOOL FUNDING
AND COST SAVING MEASURES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF K-12 EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, it is recognized that school districts across the state have faced severe funding restrictions for a decade, and

WHEREAS, it has been necessary for school districts to reduce their budgets as a result of Michigan's economic decline, and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools School District has reduced its budget by over \$40 million and eliminated over 400 jobs during that time, and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools School District has implemented employee wage and benefit concessions; numerous shared services with other governmental entities; and many other revenue enhancements and cost savings initiatives, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the State Legislature has had to make tough decisions to meet its budget responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, it is known that since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, school funding is primarily a State budget responsibility, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that public education is a priority for the citizens of Michigan and the cornerstone to economic development and needs to be a State budget priority, and

WHEREAS, the Livonia Public Schools School District also supports responsible added cost saving measures, both at the state level and locally, and

WHEREAS, these measures alone will not maintain a quality educational program for students across the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan must also provide the necessary resources in order to preserve this fundamental responsibility and priority, and

WHEREAS, only through this balanced approach can school districts continue to provide quality educational service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District implores the State Legislature to provide a School Aid Bill that will provide at least partial restoration of prior year funding reductions and mandated retirement costs that are no higher than the previous year.

Secretary, Board of Education
Livonia Public Schools School District