



Livonia Public Schools

Board of Education

Resolution in Support of Governor Whitmer's Budget Proposal

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution requires the State to support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the work of the non-partisan School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC) has provided Michigan with comprehensive recommendations on how to change our approach to how we fund Michigan's schools to fully prepare all students for careers and success; and

WHEREAS, the SFRC and other school finance studies have illustrated the need for significant new funding for K-12 schools, in addition to changing how those dollars are allocated in order to reflect the unique needs of each individual student; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer has released a proposed 2019-2020 school aid budget that reflects research and recommendations of the SFRC; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school aid budget represents an historic and necessary investment in schools across Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school aid budget would provide additional funding and resources to better serve the students of Livonia Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's budget plan emphasizes the need for the State to properly fund early literacy programs, special education programs, career technical education and programs for at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, Groups representing Michigan's business, education, school aid, labor, and environmental communities have come out in support of Governor Whitmer's educationally focused budget recommendations as the right path forward for the children and future of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, School districts in Michigan must approve next year's Fiscal Year budgets by July 1, 2019, in order to appropriately plan for the allocation and utilization of funds in a way that will best meet the needs of students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Livonia Public Schools School District strongly urges the legislature and governor to complete their budget process by this same timeline;

THEREFORE ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, the Livonia Public Schools School District believes that Governor Gretchen Whitmer's school aid budget recommendations put the needs of our students first and foremost and we encourage the Michigan Legislature to support them.