

Resolution #2012-13-10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OSBA – STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG STATE

WHEREAS, Our vision for Oregon includes a dynamic 21st century school system that provides each student a world-class education that results in Oregon students becoming responsible and productive citizens of our community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, we support the state of Oregon making wise investments to create strong schools that serve as the foundation of a strong, prosperous state, now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, we support efforts to protect a well-rounded curriculum that meets the needs of Oregon's students by offering art, music, physical education, career-technical training and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, we support funding for extended day school programs that help boost student achievement and close the academic achievement gap for disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's political leaders have codified an ambitious "40-40-20" goal for Oregon's public education system to attain by the year 2025; and,

WHEREAS, Oregon's state budget has included a shrinking share of the funds available for K-12 public education, from about 45% of the state budget in 2003-05 to about 38% in the proposed K-12 budget for 2013-15.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morrow County School District Board of Directors pledges to join and support the efforts of the "Strong Schools, Strong State" campaign to prioritize education in our state investments by supporting adequate and stable funding that ensures a full academic school year for every child in Oregon, and prevents further program cuts, staff reductions or loss of school days while making the investments needed to enable our schools to start on the path to achieve Oregon's 40-40-20 goal.

ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2013.

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

Dirk Dirksen, Superintendent