RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN DEPICTED STATE SCHOOL FUNDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF K-12 EDUCATION

- **WHEREAS**, it is recognized that school districts across the state are facing an unprecedented funding crisis, and
- **WHEREAS**, it has been necessary for school districts to reduce their budgets as a result of Michigan's economic decline, and
- WHEREAS, it is recognized that public education is a priority for the citizens of Michigan and the cornerstone to economic development, and
- WHEREAS, it is recognized that any resources available in the current economy that have been set aside for public education need to be maintained in order to eliminate additional educational funding cuts and possibly restore some of the recent funding cuts, and
- **WHEREAS**, the most recent Revenue Estimating Conference in May, 2010 portrayed a better revenue picture for the State School Aid Fund than projected earlier in the year, and
- WHEREAS, it is understood that this added funding will not resolve the state's school funding crisis but does improve the overall school funding picture in Michigan, and
- **WHEREAS**, these funds are needed to offset some of the revenue loss school districts have experienced in recent years, and
- WHEREAS, Livonia Public Schools has lost an estimated \$17 million projected by the January Revenue Consensus Conference and through 2009-2010 budget reductions, and
- WHEREAS, the new revenue projections could restore a portion of these funding losses, and
- **WHEREAS**, this restoration can only occur if funds dedicated to the State School Aid Fund remain in the State School Aid Fund, and
- WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Senate School Aid Bill and the House School Aid Bill do not divert any School Aid funds for other purposes and restore a portion of 20j funding
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education supports the direction of the Senate and House, and requests that all funds dedicated to the State School Aid Fund remain there to support K-12 education and that 20j funds be restored.