

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
'CLASSROOMS AND KIDS' BUDGET PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, Michigan public schools and the children we serve continue to face difficult economic and budget challenges, and

WHEREAS, these challenges today have resulted in circumstances that directly and negatively affect our children's education, learning, and ability to compete for 21st century jobs, and

WHEREAS, these negative circumstances may include more crowded classrooms, the elimination of critical programs, and reductions in basic supplies, among other items, and

WHEREAS, these school cuts are directly impacting children, parents, teachers, school staff, administrators, and the local community at large, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the best way to support our local schools and help our children learn is to restore full funding for our classrooms, and

WHEREAS, statewide and regional educational organizations, including the Michigan Association of School Boards, working in partnership with parents, frontline educators, and others have now proposed a '*Classrooms and Kids*' budget that will restore full funds to kids in classrooms as a response to this challenge we face in education, and

WHEREAS, the '*Classrooms and Kids*' proposal includes providing \$250 to \$291 per pupil by eliminating certain categoricals, so we can focus those resources on programs we have identified locally to best help students learn, and

WHEREAS, the '*Classrooms and Kids*' proposal provides stronger funding for kids in their classrooms without raising taxes and redeploying existing funds,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livonia Public Schools School District supports the '*Classroom and Kids*' budget proposal because we strongly believe in restoring funds to our classrooms so all children have an opportunity to learn and compete for 21st century jobs and local communities can maintain their voice in local issues affecting our public schools, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Livonia Public Schools School District calls on the Michigan Legislature and the Honorable Governor Rick Snyder to support and approve the '*Classroom and Kids*' budget.

Ayes: Members

Nayes: Members

Resolution declared adopted

Dianne Laura
Secretary, Board of Education