

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
STATEWIDE MAY 5<sup>th</sup> BALLOT PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, Michigan public schools continue to face difficult economic and budget challenges, and

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

WHEREAS, these challenges are the result of funding shortfalls that directly impact 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 funds to our classrooms, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has placed before voters a May 5th ballot proposal that would strengthen funding for classrooms and generate dollars to fix Michigan's roads and bridges, and

WHEREAS, the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal would restrict use of School Aid Fund dollars for only K-12 schools and community colleges, and generate \$300 million in additional funds for K-12 public schools annually, amounting to an additional \$200 per pupil, and

WHEREAS, we expect that the legislature will allocate funds so all districts receive this additional \$200 per pupil, and

WHEREAS, the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal is a bipartisan road funding solution that can repair the roads and bridges, and ensure our children arrive safely at school, while protecting school funds so our children can receive a quality education that can prepare them for college and a career, and

WHEREAS, citizens in Michigan have consistently said that schools and roads are its highest priorities for investment, and

WHEREAS, one penny on the dollar is a recognized sacrifice by citizens, but is an investment that is worth safer roads and better schools for everyone in Michigan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District supports the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot proposal because we strongly believe in restoring funds to our classrooms so all children have an opportunity to learn and compete for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs, and that safe, well-maintained roads benefit everyone in Michigan.

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