

**Milan Area Schools Board of Education
Resolution on School Funding**

A workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Board Room, in the district, on the 25th day of September, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Michelle R. Heikka, Vice President.

Present: Cislo, Frait, Heikka, Kiger, Landingham, Moccio

Absent: Vershum

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Moccio and supported by Frait. The resolution was approved 6-0.

Whereas, the Michigan Constitution states that the Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

Whereas Michigan law requires public school districts to finalize budgets by June 30th, a task that, to be meaningful, depends upon the finalization by the Michigan Legislature and Governor of the education budget; and

Whereas as of September 25, 2019, the state government has failed to finalize the education budget; and

Whereas delay in finalizing the education budget will harm the Milan Area Schools, as well as other districts, and will impact decisions regarding staffing, materials, and student support; and

Whereas when adjusted for inflation, the total revenue for K-12 public education in Michigan declined by 30%, per pupil funding fell by 22%, and funding for at-risk students declined 60% between 2002 and 2015; and

Whereas Michigan ranks 50th in school funding growth since 1995; and

Whereas Michigan ranks last in proficiency growth from 2002 to 2015, and Michigan students, who once performed above average on the National Assessment of Education Progress, now rank near the bottom; and

Whereas the current school aid bill fails to close the funding gap between the minimum and maximum per-pupil funding; and

Whereas the current school aid bill fails to acknowledge that it costs more to educate at-risk, special education, and secondary students, and English learners.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Milan Area Schools Board of Education insists that the Michigan Legislature and Governor support K-12 education by restoring education funding to levels that recognize the actual cost of educating Michigan's children.

Be it further resolved that the Milan Area Schools Board of Education insists that the Michigan Legislature and Governor recognize the equality of all children and close the funding gap between the minimum and maximum per-pupil funding.

Be if further resolved that the Milan Area Schools Board of Education insists that the Michigan Legislature and Governor take these steps without further delay.