

MILAN AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING INAPPROPRIATELY
TYING SCHOOL FUNDING TO POWER OF THE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, Milan Area Schools is committed to assuring the safety of our students, teachers, staff, administration, and our community, and to taking all reasonable efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, in December 2020, the United States Congress passed a COVID-19 relief funding bill that included approximately \$57 billion for K-12 schools;

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's share of the \$57 billion exceeds \$3 billion;

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, the Michigan House of Representatives passed HB 4048, a bill to provide supplemental funding to K-12 schools, including allocation of Michigan's \$3 billion share of the federal K-12 COVID-19 school funds;

WHEREAS, HB 4048, inappropriately conditions the appropriation of the federal school COVID-19 aid to passage of HB 4049, a bill to prohibit the director of the Department of Health and Human Services from closing a public or nonpublic school to in-person instruction or prohibiting a qualified sporting event during an epidemic involving COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Milan Area Schools understands the important debate and questions regarding whether, and to what extent, the Executive branch of the State of Michigan's government should be able to enter emergency orders during an epidemic;

WHEREAS, Milan Area Schools believes that the safety and health of our students, teachers, staff, administration, and community, and the funding to help ensure that safety and health, should not be subject to political gamesmanship and the current power struggle between the Executive and Legislative branches of the government of the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Milan Area Schools demand that the Michigan Senate reject inappropriate attempts to tie school aid funding to stripping power from the Department of Health and Human Services during an epidemic involving COVID-19.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Milan Area Schools demand that the Governor exercise her authority and veto any bill that inappropriately ties school aid funding to stripping power from the Department of Health and Human Services during an epidemic involving COVID-19.