



RESOLUTION OF ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Support of Governor Whitmer's 2019-2020 Budget Proposal

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, County of Washtenaw, Michigan held at Forsythe Middle School, 1655 Newport Road, Ann Arbor, MI, on the 22nd day of May, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by member Mitchell.

PRESENT: Members: Baskett, Gaynor, Johnson, Kelly, Lazarus, Lightfoot, Mitchell

ABSENT: Members: none

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Lazarus and supported by Member Gaynor.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution requires the state to support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the work of the non-partisan School Finance Research Collaborative has provided Michigan with comprehensive recommendations on how to change our approach to fund Michigan's schools to fully prepare all students for careers and success; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative and other school finance studies have pointed to the need for significant new funding for K-12 schools in addition to changing how those dollars are allocated to reflect the unique needs of each individual student; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has released a proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget that reflects the work and recommendations of the School Finance Research Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget represents a historic investment in schools across Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget would provide an estimated additional \$5.4 million dollars to Ann Arbor Public Schools and better support the programs on which our students rely; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's budget plan emphasizes the need for the state to properly fund early literacy programs, special education programs, career and technical education, and programs for at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, Groups representing Michigan's business, education, labor and environmental communities have come out in support of Governor Whitmer's budget recommendations as the right path forward for Michigan; and

WHEREAS, School districts in Michigan are required to approve their Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budgets by June 30, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education:

- Calls upon the Michigan Legislature to fulfill its commitment to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools with the resources recommended in the School Finance Research Collaborative report to enable each child to achieve proficiency on Michigan standards;
- Strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 state budget prior to July 1, 2019, that reflects the true cost of providing an education that meets the individual needs of each child with a weighted formula for students in poverty, special education, and English language learners, giving all an equal opportunity to meet the performance standards set by the State of Michigan and the State Board of Education;
- Directs the Executive Assistant of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education to transmit copies of this resolution to:

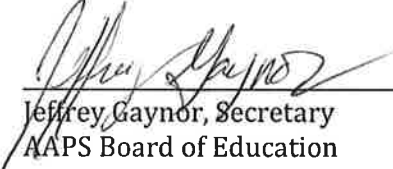
Governor, State of Michigan
All Michigan State Senators and Representatives
State Superintendent (Michigan)
All members of the State Board of Education (Michigan)
President, Michigan Association of School Boards
President, Michigan Association of School Administrators
President, Michigan Education Association
All local city and county government officials

Local print, voice, and internet media

Ayes: Baskett, Gaynor, Johnson, Kelly, Lazarus, Lightfoot, Mitchell

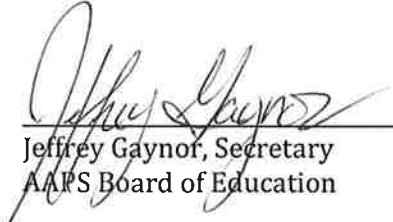
Nays: none

Resolution declared adopted.



Jeffrey Gaynor, Secretary
AAPS Board of Education

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 22, 2019, and that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.



Jeffrey Gaynor, Secretary
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