

MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Funding of PreK-12 and Higher Education

WHEREAS, given the demonstrated importance of investments in education to Michigan's economic future, and the imperative to combine needed investments in preK-12 and higher education with meaningful, money-saving reforms in the organization and delivery of education; and

WHEREAS, the long-term economic health of our state, and opportunity for our citizens is conditioned on meaningful structural reform of both the revenue and expenditure sides of education; and

WHEREAS, given the crippling effects on our citizens and our educational institutions of continuing short-term, temporary, stop-gap measures and budget impasses over education funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education will join the Governor, Legislature, school districts, and other stakeholders in the coming months to develop a long-term structural remedy to enable the state's investment in education and its people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That along with the State Board of Education and Department of Education, school districts continue to reimagine the preK-12 educational system in Michigan that will lead to the Board's expectations for student achievement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages school districts to work with the Michigan State Board of Education and Department of Education to consolidate services and schools that lead to a more equitable, more efficient, more affordable, and more sustainable system of public education; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education encourages the Governor and Legislature to immediately find the revenues necessary to reduce the cuts to the educational budget to meet their Constitutional responsibility.

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