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**Resolution Supporting Governor Gretchen Whitmer's
Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Budget Executive Recommendation**

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer unveiled her executive budget recommendation on February 9, 2022, a generational budget that would make historic investments in public education in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget recommendation would help advance every goal of the state's Top 10 strategic education plan and, in so doing, would improve the lives of Michigan's more than 1.4 million public school children; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget recommendation, consistent with the direction of School Finance Research Collaborative recommendations, includes a five-percent increase, from \$8,700 per pupil to \$9,135 per pupil, in the foundation allowance to school districts; and categorical increases to support students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, English learners, rural and isolated students, and career and technical education students; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget recommendation promotes a \$1.7 billion investment in retention programs, which includes \$1.5 billion for bonuses to educators and support staff who agree to continue working in their school districts over the next four years, \$50 million annually for teacher onboarding and mentoring programs, and \$75 million for innovative approaches to addressing regional educator needs; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget recommendation includes a \$600 million proposed investment for teacher recruitment initiatives, including grow your own programs for support staff to become teachers and for students to become teachers, fellowships for aspiring teachers, and student teacher stipends; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget recommendation has an investment of over \$360 million in school-based mental and physical health supports and the creation of a \$1 billion school infrastructure fund to be expended over a six-year period of time to address physical plant needs, including air and water quality, in communities that have higher concentrations of students who are economically disadvantaged or have limited capacity to raise funds for capital projects given their taxable value; and

WHEREAS, the governor's budget recommendation includes \$72.6 million to continue the expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program, and to increase EarlyOn® home visitations, and great start collaboratives;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education strongly supports Governor Whitmer's Fiscal Year 2022-23 executive budget recommendation for pre-K-12 education in Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education encourages the Michigan Legislature to move quickly to pass a supplemental budget bill that includes the recruitment and retention recommendations by the beginning of spring 2022 to provide local school districts with the time to begin to implement these efforts to affect the educator and support staff supply for next school year.

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