**BOARD RESOLUTION**

**FAIRNESS FIRST: A Resolution to Oppose the Governor’s Budget Cut of $240 Per Charter Public School Student**

Recitals:

1. As a charter public school, (INSERT SCHOOL NAME) is a public school under the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The school operates under the oversight of (AUTHORIZING BODY NAME) and is subject to the general supervision of the State Board of Education.
2. The Board of Directors of (INSERT SCHOOL NAME) (“Board”) are public officials who are subject to the same rights and responsibilities as all other public school board members. One of these obligations is to adopt an annual budget by July 1st of each year. Our Board has adopted this budget and is well underway in the 2019–20 academic year.
3. The Board adopted a FY 2020 budget with the best possible information available to it at that time. This included the assumption that charter public schools would receive a per-pupil funding increase equal to the per-pupil funding increase for all other public schools in this state.
4. On Monday, September 30, 2019, Governor Whitmer vetoed the $240 per-pupil funding increase for charter public schools only. This Board views this veto as political in nature. We hold this view because every other public school student received the full amount of its legislatively-appropriated funding, and only public school students attending charters are being discriminated against by this action.
5. Because (INSERT SCHOOL NAME) is already four months into its fiscal year, the governor’s veto necessitates budget cuts that will be harmful to our students and teachers.
6. These cuts will further compound the equity gap between public charter schools and other public schools because public charter schools already receive significantly less funding than other public schools.
7. The Board believes that this action is unfair and unjust because students at (INSERT SCHOOL NAME) deserve the same funding as all other public school students.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of (INSERT SCHOOL NAME) hereby expresses its dismay and disappointment with state policymakers and the budgeting process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board calls on Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature to take immediate action and restore the $240 per pupil increase for Michigan’s public charter schools.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of (INSERT SCHOOL NAME) at its meeting held on MONTH DAY 2019, at which a quorum was present.*

Motion brought by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Board Secretary of (INSERT SCHOOL NAME)