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**<<Public Charter School Name>> Board of Directors   
Stands Up for Local Students**

*Panel Adopts “Fairness First” Resolution, Protests Unequal Funding for Its School*

**[City Name, MI]—**Members of the <<Public Charter School Name>> board today voted to oppose Gov. Whitmer’s recent veto of a plan to reduce the funding gap that unfairly penalizes students who choose to attend public charter schools.

In adopting its “Fairness First” resolution, the board said it was answering the learning needs of its own students and families.

“All Michigan students should receive the same per-pupil funding amount, no matter what school they choose to attend,” said <<First Name, Last Name, Title>>. “To suggest otherwise is a violation of all that we believe as a society. We are a nation that prizes equality. Freedom. Opportunity. To create institutional inequity through this kind of budget policy is harmful and wrong.”

According to its resolution, the board believes the governor’s actions are political moves that victimize <<school name>> students. The measure states the board’s contention that its students are being singled out, because every other public school student in Michigan received its legislatively-appropriated funding amount.

“Only public school students attending charters are being discriminated against by this action,” the resolution said.

The resolution calls on the governor and legislature to come to an agreement that quickly restores the $240 per pupil increase its FY 2020 school budget was built upon.

A full copy of the resolution is attached.

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