



RESOLUTION OF ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In Support of Governor Whitmer's 2023-2024 Executive Budget Proposal

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, County of Washtenaw, Michigan held at **3700 Earhart Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan**, on the **12th of April, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by member Townsend-Gides.

PRESENT: Members: Susan Baskett, Krystle DuPree, Jeff Gaynor, Rima Mohammad, Ernesto Querijero, Jacinda Townsend Gides, Susan Ward Schmidt

ABSENT: Members: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Querijero and supported by Member DuPree.

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

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's proposed FY2024 executive budget represents a historic investment in schools across Michigan, including \$19 billion for the School Aid Fund; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposes the highest per-student funding ever (\$9,608) and additional supports in special education, at-risk students, English language learners, and those in rural and isolated districts; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposes that all 1.4 million public school students have access to school meals, potentially saving families \$850 a year; and

WHEREAS, the budget invests \$50 million dollars into the early childhood education workforce and \$11 million dollars into early childhood interventions; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposes every 4th grader will visit a Michigan state park for a firsthand Pure Michigan experience via the Nature Awaits program; and

WHEREAS, the budget addresses teacher needs through the MI Future Educator Fellowship, continued investment in student teacher stipends, and additional teacher supports, like the Talent Together Initiative to recruit and train more educators; and

WHEREAS, the budget addresses child care needs through and the Child Care Educators Tax Credit, increased child care worker reimbursement rates, and continued investment in child care licensing; and

WHEREAS, school districts in Michigan are required to approve their Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget by May 30, 2023

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;
- Strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 state budget prior to May 15, 2023, 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: Susan Baskett, Krystle DuPree, Jeff Gaynor, Rima Mohammad, Ernesto Querijero, Jacinda Townsend Gides, Susan Ward Schmidt

Nays: None.

Resolution declared adopted.

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Susan Ennice Baskett

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Susan Baskett, 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 April 12, 2023, 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.

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