

PROCLAMATION OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS

Support of Governor Whitmer's Budget Proposal

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

WHEREAS, the work of the non-partisan School Finance Research Collaborative (SFRC) has provided Michigan with comprehensive recommendations on how to change our approach to how we fund Michigan's schools to fully prepare all students for careers and success; and

WHEREAS, the SFRC and other school finance studies have pointed to the need for significant new funding for K-12 schools in addition to changing how those dollars are allocated to reflect the unique needs of each individual students; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has released a proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget that reflects the work and recommendations of the SFRC; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget represents a historic investment in schools across Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's proposed 2019-2020 school-aid budget would provide an estimated additional \$1.8 million dollars to Bloomfield Hills schools and better support the programs our students rely on; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's budget plan emphasizes the need for the state to properly fund early literacy programs, special education programs, career technical education and programs for at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, Groups representing Michigan's business, education, labor and environmental communities have come out in support of Governor Whitmer's budget recommendations as the right path forward for Michigan; and

WHEREAS, School districts in Michigan must approve next year's Fiscal Year budgets by July 1, 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bloomfield Hills Schools believes that Governor Gretchen Whitmer's budget recommendations put the needs of our students first and foremost and we encourage the Michigan Legislature to support them.

THEREFORE ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, Bloomfield Hills Schools strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 state budget prior to July 1, 2019.

Signed this 18th day of April, 2019.

Paul Kolin, President

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