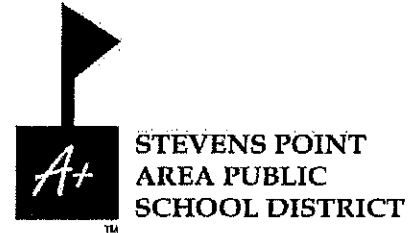


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***STEVENS POINT AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR FUNDING FOR OUR FUTURE***

WHEREAS, the school board, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and community members of the Stevens Point Area Public School District are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible; and

WHEREAS, the School Board believes that the state budget should prioritize the needs of public education students; and

WHEREAS, investing in public education is an investment not only in our students' capacity for success beyond high school but an investment in economic development and the future of the greater Stevens Point Area, Wisconsin and Nation; and

WHEREAS, revenue limits were inequitably created in 1993 to limit available revenue to public schools; and

WHEREAS, while it is the 16th largest district in the state, the Stevens Point Area Public School District ranks 344th out of the 424 districts in per-pupil spending; and

WHEREAS, 36.98 percent of Stevens Point Area Public School District's schoolchildren come from low-income families that rely on the wrap-around services we provide; and

WHEREAS, with no increase in per pupil revenue limits, none of the additional state dollars allocated for PreK-12 education general aid, will go to classrooms, rather, it must instead be directed to reducing property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Instruction has proposed "Fair Funding for Our Future" for the past three biennial budgets, to reform the funding formula; and

WHEREAS, reallocation of state money to public schools has been proposed for the past several years in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walker and legislators of both political parties have made public comments in support of increasing funding for public schools, if additional state revenue is available;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Stevens Point Area Public School District School Board calls upon the Governor of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Legislature to fulfill their constitutional obligations, and equitably and adequately fund public schools in Wisconsin, for the benefit of Wisconsin's future and for the benefit of all public school students and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the School Board for the Stevens Point Area Public School District, have executed this resolution this 13th day of February, 2017.



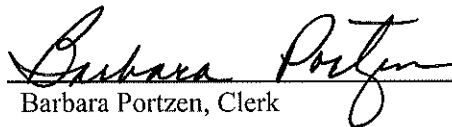
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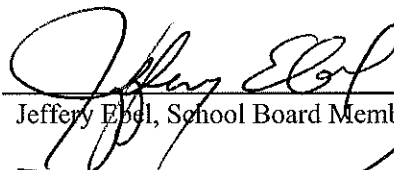
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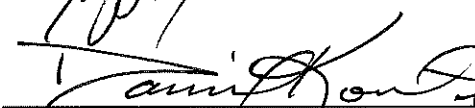
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