Resolution in Support of the Wisconsin Voucher Transparency Bill  
(Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183)

WHEREAS, the Green Bay Area Public School District Board, administrators, educators, staff, parents and community members of the greater Green Bay area are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible; and

WHEREAS, the Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPS) supports local control and the ability of the elected School Board to make decisions to support the learning of our students; and

WHEREAS, the GBAPS Board and the greater Green Bay community value transparency in government; and

WHEREAS, the eligibility for the statewide voucher program will continue to expand (both percentage allowed and increase in income eligibility); and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183, the “Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill,” authored by State Rep. Dana Wachs (D-Eau Claire) would require property tax bills to include information regarding the amount of taxes that have been levied by the Board to offset the reduced state aid for voucher payments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education levied $1.2 million to cover voucher payments in 2016-17 and $2.6 million for 2017-18; and

FURTHERMORE, just as property tax bills show how much money goes to public schools and technical colleges, taxpayers deserve to know how much of their taxes are directed to private schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Green Bay Area Public School Board calls on Governor Walker, the Wisconsin State Assembly, and the Wisconsin Senate to support the Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill in an effort to be open, honest and transparent with taxpayers of the Green Bay Area Public Schools and Wisconsin.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the School Board for the Green Bay Area Public School District, have executed this resolution this 18th day of December, 2017.

President

Vice President

Treasurer