



# Necedah Area SCHOOL DISTRICT



## **Necedah Area School District**

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WHEREAS, early childhood is as an important period in a child's development, during which age-appropriate activities and instruction have significant, positive impacts on a young child's emotional, social, and intellectual development; and

WHEREAS, the founders of our state had the foresight to provide for education for 4-year-olds in the Wisconsin's original 1848 Constitution; and

WHEREAS, In the last decade, the overwhelming majority of Wisconsin school districts have begun to offer 4-year-old kindergarten (4K) programs in their district; and

WHEREAS, state-imposed revenue limits have historically been a barrier to many Wisconsin school districts in implementing a 4K program because such a large share of each districts' revenue raising capacity is controlled by this limit on the total amount of state general aid and local property tax revenue that a district can raise; and

WHEREAS, under current law, each four-year-old Kindergarten (4K) pupil is included in state general equalization aid and revenue limit counts as 0.5 member if the pupil attends for at least 437 hours, unless the program provides at least 87.5 additional hours of outreach activities, in which case the pupil is counted as 0.6 member; and

WHEREAS, many Wisconsin school districts, independent charter schools, and private schools in the state's various choice programs that have long provided full-day programming for 4K students; however, they are only able to count their 4K pupils as 0.5 or 0.6 FTE for state general aid and revenue limit membership purposes under current law; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Evers has proposed to fully fund full-day 4K for our state's youngest learners by increasing the state general equalization aid and revenue limit four-year-old (4K) membership calculations for school districts, independent charter schools, and private schools in the state's parental choice programs that provide a full-day 4K program, from either 0.5 or 0.6 FTE member under current law, to 1.0 FTE member, beginning in the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS, fully funding full-day 4K for our state's youngest learners will provide school districts with additional resources for important educational and developmental programming for 4-year olds; and

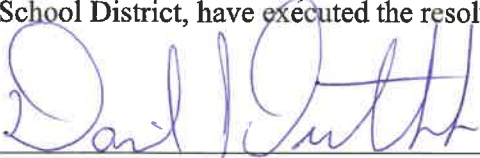
WHEREAS, fully counting 4K pupils will not only advance revenue limit equity among school districts in the

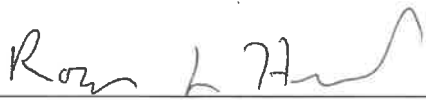
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state, it promotes equity among students as well since under our State Constitution public school 4K is universal and open to all children free and without tuition. When a district offers 4K, it must be open for all age eligible children in the district as well as free and without tuition,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Necedah School District Board of Education calls upon Governor Tony Evers, Senator Howard Marklein, Senator Olsen, Representative Kitchens, Representative Kurtz and Representative Thiesfeldt to support full funding for four-year-old Kindergarten (4K).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all the members of the School Board for the Necedah Area School District, have executed the resolution the 21st day of January, 2019.

  
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