

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Appleton Area School District (AASD) is the 6th largest school district in Wisconsin, serves 16,214 students, employs 1,857 staff members; and

WHEREAS the AASD educates students from Early Childhood through 12<sup>th</sup> grade at 36 schools (15 elementary, 4 middle, 3 high schools, 13 charter schools and one magnet school); and

WHEREAS the AASD serves 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS the AASD has a total operating budget of \$210 million; and

WHEREAS the AASD supports the aforementioned stakeholders utilizing best practices in budgeting and annually has a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin's current funding mechanisms do not support a predictable annual ability for the AASD to develop budgets to sustain our role in educating students and supporting our regional as well as the state's economy; and

WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin's current funding formula does not support the full costs of special education and creates a need for \$24 million dollars per year to be transferred from regular education funds to support unfunded liabilities for special education students; and

WHEREAS the AASD has increasing needs and demands from underserved populations, specifically students living in poverty as well as students who speak English as a second language; and

WHEREAS the AASD needs the State Of Wisconsin to address the current funding dilemmas in order for staff and stakeholders to meet our vision of *Preparing Our Students for Their Future, Every Child, Every Day*; and

WHEREAS the AASD requests that our Governor and all Legislators create a formula in the next budget to increase funding in order for us to meet the educational needs of all of our students; and

WHEREAS the AASD requests that our Governor and all Legislators create legislation that increases funding for students with special education needs to relieve the burden placed on the budget by current funding restrictions and federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS the AASD requests that the our Governor and all Legislators create legislation that increases funding mechanisms for students who are traditionally underserved, specifically those who are identified as living in poverty and for students identified as English Language Learners;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the School Board of the Appleton Area School District, by the authority vested in us, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2019, as


**Advocate for Kids in the Appleton Area Day**


Across the school district, we urge all citizens and stakeholders to support the future of our children by attending the Joint Finance Committee hearing in Green Bay and/or contacting our Governor and Legislators to advocate for the aforementioned areas of need for all children in the Appleton Area School District.

Unanimously ADOPTED and signed this day April 22, in the year of 2019.

APPLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

  
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Kay Eggert, President

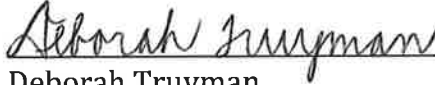
  
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