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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
LA CROSSE**



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**Resolution To Discontinue Private School Vouchers and the Special Needs Scholarship Program**

WHEREAS, during the 2018-2019 school year, taxpayers in the State of Wisconsin supported private school vouchers totaling more than \$300,000,000, and

WHEREAS, during the 2018-2019 school year, 81 students within the School District of La Crosse attendance boundary received a private school voucher, and

WHEREAS, during the 2018-2019 school year, taxpayers in the School District of La Crosse contributed \$643,578 for private school vouchers, and

WHEREAS, during the 2018-2019 school year, taxpayers in the School District of La Crosse contributed \$136,741 to private schools for the Special Needs Scholarship Program, and

WHEREAS, the School District of La Crosse remains responsible for providing special education services to private school students even after the scholarship is applied, and

WHEREAS, the combined funds from private school vouchers and the Special Needs Scholarship Program would provide needed budget flexibility to the School District of La Crosse.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education for the School District of La Crosse to call on the Governor and state legislators to ensure 1) local transparency in taxpayer funded vouchers, 2) discontinue expansion of private school vouchers, and 3) eliminate the Special Needs Scholarship Program.