



Sun Prairie Area
School District
Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

RESOLUTION in Support of the HMONG COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a rich history of opening its doors to peoples of all backgrounds and experiences; and

WHEREAS the State of Wisconsin is the proud home of nearly 50,000 Hmong people which is one-fifth of Hmong people living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong people living in Wisconsin came here as refugees seeking asylum after fighting alongside our soldiers during the Vietnam war; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong people are part of our community here in Sun Prairie as our neighbors, family members, friends, co-workers, business owners, students, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, administrators, educators, and staff proudly stand by all of our students, staff and families; and.

WHEREAS, we celebrate the values of our diverse community and are inclusive of all of our students, staff, families and community members of all races, ethnicities, faiths, national origins, immigration statuses, political viewpoints, abilities, sexual orientation, and gender identities, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) held that the Constitution guarantees all children, regardless of immigration statuses, equal access to a basic public education; and

WHEREAS, a recent proposal by the current Presidential administration seeks to deport certain longtime Hmong residents of the United States, which could impact up to 4,500 Hmong people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, these proposals have sowed fear into Hmong communities across Wisconsin, including our own in Sun Prairie; and

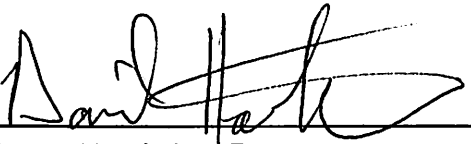
WHEREAS, numerous community leaders, and local and national elected officials have called on the administration to reconsider this proposal and have expressed their opposition to any agreement that results in the deportation of Hmong people living in Wisconsin and the United States;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education reiterates its steadfast support of all the members of the Hmong community living here in the United States, State of Wisconsin and especially our students, staff and families in our District and furthermore we strongly urge the reconsideration of any proposal that would result in the deportation of any members of our Hmong community.

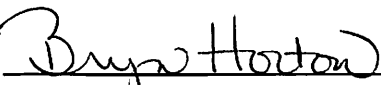
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District, have executed this resolution this 24th day of February, 2020.

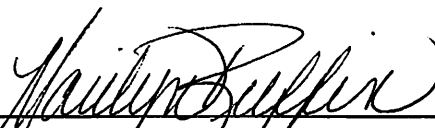

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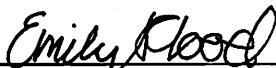

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