

## *Sample School Board Resolution on JFC 2021-23 Budget Proposal*

**WHEREAS**, the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau released a memo announcing revenue projections are \$4.4 billion higher than had previously been estimated in January and the state now has \$5.8 billion available to budget for the 2021-23 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget-writing committee of the Legislature (Joint Finance Committee) crafted a K-12 education funding plan that did not meet basic inflationary benchmarks of state support for K-12 education and put vital federal relief funding at risk in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, with almost \$6 billion to invest in the budget, we can fund schools and provide meaningful tax relief; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in the post-pandemic recovery of our school children needs to be a top priority and we can do more than the bare minimum necessary to qualify for federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards has been asking WASB members and lawmakers to support four state budget priorities — inflationary spending increases, significantly higher special education reimbursement, additional mental health categorical aid and steps to mitigate pandemic-driven enrollment drops; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature should rework the proposed state K-12 funding plan and use a portion of the \$4.4 billion in new revenue and the \$350 million directed to the rainy-day fund to meet these priorities.

**THEREFORE**, the \_\_\_\_\_ School Board calls upon lawmakers to take advantage of the excellent opportunity presented by \$4.4 billion in new revenue to rework and pass a state budget bill that provides the state funding for K-12 education necessary to provide inflationary increases in state aid to school districts for ongoing expenses as well as qualify Wisconsin schools to receive their rightful share of one-time federal COVID relief funding.