

Board of Education Support for Other Boards in a Challenging Economic Environment

WHEREAS, elected school boards, in partnership with, and in service to, their state and local communities, represent committed champions of teaching and learning for the success of schools and all students; and

WHEREAS, school board members are vital voices of their communities, advocating for the needs and interests of children and youth as they prepare for the future in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, communities have shown confidence and faith in their school boards to make informed decisions that will provide excellence and success in education for their students; and

WHEREAS, the leadership school boards provide is in an environment of increasing requirements, expectations and competition; and

WHEREAS, resources for an excellent educational experience are at risk as a result of a state-wide financial crisis; and

WHEREAS, even if there is no mid-year reduction in state funding this year, many school boards are confronted with hard and often unpopular decisions that are painful but necessary to remain fiscally responsible; and

WHEREAS, school boards should show solidarity for all distressed boards of education in their difficult decisions to do what is best for the students they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Motion by Stafford, support by Ransbottom
that the Board of Trustees of the Otsego School District does hereby recognize and express respect and support for all of Michigan Boards of Education, for their courageous leadership and service in today's challenging economic environment.

AYES: Campbell, Cronen, Frasier, Herm, Ransbottom, Steeman and Stafford

NAYS: None



Alan A. Frasier, Secretary
Board of Education

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