

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PA SCHOOL FUNDING LITIGATION
FOR FAIR FUNDING
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, education in Pennsylvania is a constitutional right, articulated in Article III, Section 14 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It states that **“The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth”**; and

WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence that both individual health and economic well-being are tied to educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, there is ample evidence that community prosperity is related to the quality of education; and

WHEREAS, when the state fails to adequately fund education, it puts an unfair responsibility on local taxpayers, which cannot be met in low-wealth districts, even when paying higher tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has defined what a thorough education is by identifying educational standards (the standards used in PSSA and Keystone exams) that all PA students are expected to meet; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Pennsylvania results in grossly different amounts of money spent on children in different districts, in violation of the equal protection provisions of the state Constitution; with much less money spent on children in low-wealth districts, even though their students have additional educational needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the William Penn School District Board of School Directors supports the parents of individual children, the school districts, the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools, and the PA NAACP State Conference in their suit to enforce Pennsylvania’s constitutional guarantee of “a thorough and efficient system of public education” and urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to provide a fair, adequate and predictable funding system that enables all children to meet state academic standards and does not discriminate against low-wealth school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to the elected Senators and Representatives of the William Penn School District in the General Assembly, to the PA Secretary of Education and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this 28th Day of February 2022

Monique S. Boykins, School Board President

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