

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: West Virginia's entire Public Education system continues to be underfunded, leading to shortages in teachers, service personnel, nurses, librarians, psychologists, counselors, bus drivers and special education staff; and

WHEREAS: County Boards of Education budgets are already severely strained due to previous cuts made to appropriations to the school aid formula and declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS: A bill has been originated by the Senate Education committee which proposes certain reforms to public education in West Virginia - The Omnibus Bill;

WHEREAS: The legislature has a duty to provide a thorough and efficient system of free schools in the State and the Wayne County Board of Education has been delegated such duty for Wayne County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS: To the extent reform to West Virginia's public education system is needed, such reform should have the goal of increasing student achievement for the most disadvantaged children that do not have the resources, parental guidance and general support to succeed in our current system; and

WHEREAS: The opioid problem has additionally put a strain on our educational system that has furthered the difficulty in educating our most disadvantaged children due to the increase in number and magnitude of behavioral issues in children; and

WHEREAS: Public schools are at the heart of the community's well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS: Reduction in State financial support will negatively impact our ability to serve the children and families of our community; and

WHEREAS: Research and experience across the country have shown that implementation of certain aspects of the bill has a high likelihood of adversely affecting the education of the most disadvantaged children in our system; and

WHEREAS: Certain provisions of the current proposed Omnibus Bill is detrimental to our public schools and the ability of the Wayne County Board of Education to provide a thorough and efficient system for all students in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS: The Wayne County Board of Education opposes public monies being used for charter schools, home schooling, and education savings account; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Wayne County Board of Education opposes Senate Bill 451 – The Omnibus Bill and believes that each item in the Bill should be legislated separately and should pass or fail on its own merit; and

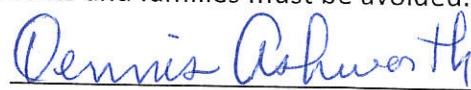
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Taxation and policy decisions which result in reduced revenues for public education and/or have a negative impact on our students and families must be avoided.



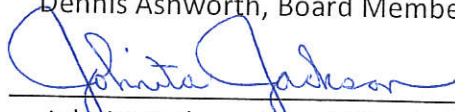
Joann Hurley, Board President



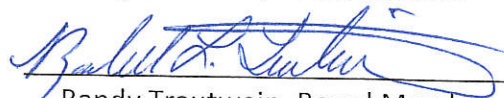
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