

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE 2017-2018 PROPOSED SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 budget proposed by the South Carolina House of Representatives adds \$50 to the Base Student Cost, increasing such from \$2,350 to \$2,400 per student;

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Index of Taxpaying Ability is included in the South Carolina Educational Finance Act (“EFA”) calculations;

WHEREAS, despite the proposed increase in Base Student Cost, of 81 South Carolina public school districts, 45 are projected to receive decreased EFA funding from the State of South Carolina in the 2017-2018 budget proposed by the South Carolina House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, the funding reductions to the 45 school districts are projected to total \$10,652,163.32;

WHEREAS, the funding reduction to the Beaufort County School District is projected to be \$4,138,685.51;

WHEREAS, the funding reduction to the Beaufort County School District represents 38.9% of the total projected statewide reductions to school districts;

WHEREAS, State mandated increases to the Beaufort County School District Fiscal Year 2018 budget are projected to total \$4,268,885; and

WHEREAS, due to the Index of Taxpaying Ability calculations and the State unfunded mandates, the Beaufort County School District is projected to require an additional \$8,407,570.51 to offset the EFA budget reduction and to meet State mandated budget increases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION as follows:

1. That it opposes the 2017-2018 budget proposed by the South Carolina House of Representatives;
2. That it calls upon the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation and the South Carolina General Assembly to review and reweight the Index of Taxpaying Ability so that South Carolina school districts, particularly the Beaufort County School District, are not substantially harmed by the Index of Taxpaying Ability calculations and weighting; and
3. That it calls upon the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation and the South Carolina General Assembly insert a hold harmless safeguard into the Index of Taxpaying Ability calculations such that no South Carolina school district, including the Beaufort County

School District, has funding reduced as a result of the Index of Taxpaying Ability calculations and weighting.

Done in meeting duly assemble this, the 4th day of April, 2017.

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Patricia Felton-Montgomery, Chairperson
Beaufort County School District Board of Education

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ATTEST:

Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant
Beaufort County School District Board of Education