

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE IDEA FULL FUNDING ACT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Bloomfield Hills Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the School District on February 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Member(s): Baron, Efros, Kolin, Kumar, Matlow, VanGemert

ABSENT: Member(s): Southward

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Baron and supported by Trustee Matlow.

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Hills Schools recognizes the need for a strong investment in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was first enacted in 1975 to help ensure that all students with disabilities will have access to a free appropriate public education; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of IDEA, the United States Congress committed to fund up to 40 percent of the additional cost of special education, thereby promising to provide up to 40 percent of the national average per pupil expenditure, which is currently estimated at \$13,828 by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, since IDEA's enactment more than 45 years ago, the current federal investment in IDEA is less than 14 percent; and

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Hills Schools and many other public school districts throughout the United States educate a growing number of children with disabilities that is now more than seven million; and

WHEREAS, our nation's school districts face an increased demand for greater resources to fulfill the needs of students under IDEA, including those for students affected by multiple disabilities whose individual education plans require more resources; and

WHEREAS, with each increase in the IDEA child count, Bloomfield Hills Schools and others throughout the country continue to adjust their budgets to accommodate this increased need and ensure that each child educated through IDEA receives the appropriate supports, with some school districts dedicating forty percent or more of their general education budgets to special education services; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education supports the IDEA Full Funding Act that will help strengthen the federal investment in special education by authorizing a ten year plan to fully fund the federal share of IDEA; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education urges Congress' strong bipartisan support for and passage of the IDEA Full Funding Act; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education remains committed to providing students with disabilities and their families the supports they need, and acknowledges the intergovernmental partnership among the local, state, and federal levels of government critical to this shared investment in our children.

AYES: Member(s): Baron, Efros, Kolin, Kumar, Matlow, VanGemert

NAYES: Member(s): Southward

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.