

**Eden Central School District
Board of Education**

Resolution Regarding IMMEDIATE Elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment

**The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the
Eden Central School District on March 19, 2014**

**Calling upon the New York State Legislature
to immediately eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment**

- Whereas:** The NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2009-2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then;
- Whereas:** The GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the Eden Central School District by \$7,214,628;
- Whereas:** This reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Eden Central School District; and
- Whereas:** This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Eden Central School District budgets, including the reduction and elimination of school programs; personnel, and services;
- Whereas:** Efforts by the Eden Central School District to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Levy Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, and increases in pension, health care costs; and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and
- Whereas:** Adequate State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations and to maintain the quality of education in the Eden Central School District; and
- Whereas:** New York State, through its Gap Elimination Adjustment has systematically reduced K-12 funding since 2009-2010; and
- Whereas:** New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving less in State Aid than 2009-2010; and
- Whereas:** Some school districts even have had State Aid DECREASES;

Resolved, that the Eden Central School District Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to **immediately** exempt State Aid for education from the calculation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of March, 2014 during a Board of Education meeting by the following vote: AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

Attest:

District Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

President, Board of Education