Montgomery County Schools

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE TREATMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS IN THE 2013-2015 STATE EDUCATION BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Education is committed to academic excellence, positive relationships, strong partnerships, social responsibility, and life-long learning; and,

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Education, in partnership with the community, will provide rigorous learning experiences for students in a safe and supportive environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Education finds the following beliefs paramount in ensuring that all children in Montgomery County are provided a sound, basic education in accordance with the Constitution of the State of North Carolina:

- All students can achieve at high levels regardless of ethnicity, race, or socioeconomic background;
- Quality teachers, provided with continuing educational opportunities, are the key to effective student learning;
- All students and teachers should have access to innovative instructional practices and technology;
- Effective and efficient support systems are necessary to support student and employee success;
- The success of Montgomery County Schools will be demonstrated by the achievement of our students and their positive participation in society; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Education believes that the aforementioned vision and beliefs are not supported effectively by the 2013-2015 state budget because of the following:

- The 2013-2015 state budget limits the educational opportunities provided for students in North Carolina by eliminating funding for teachers, instructional support and teacher assistants;
- The 2013-2015 state budget limits the ability to attract and retain quality teachers by ranking North Carolina's teacher pay as 46th in the nation;
- The 2013-2015 state budget elimination of teacher master's degree supplements limits the ability to attract and retain quality teachers;
- The 2013-2015 state budget diverts needed resources for public schools to other programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Education believes the most recently passed state budget hinders the Pre-K-12 preparation of students for a successful post-secondary transition into the workforce so that North Carolina might compete in the global economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montgomery County Board of Education stands opposed to the treatment of North Carolina's children and professional educators in the 2013-2015 state education budget and urges full funding for public education in North Carolina.

This the 5th day of August, 2013.

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Steven W. DeBerry, Chairman
Montgomery County Board of Education