



SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD

Resolution Regarding Support for Investing in Our Public Schools Through the 2023-25 Wisconsin State Budget

March 14, 2023

Whereas, the school board, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and community members of the Shorewood School District are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible; and

Whereas, in the absence of additional revenue limit authority, districts across Wisconsin have been forced to use federal COVID-19 funds to cover budget gaps the state failed to address in the current biennium budget; and

Whereas, the federal COVID-19 funds were created to address the additional stressors brought on by the pandemic, and were never intended to supplant state and local funding; and

Whereas, inflationary costs have impacted all areas of school funding from utilities to staff compensation; and

Whereas, attempts from the state to provide school districts with additional funds through increasing general aid without increasing the revenue limit resulted in districts receiving no additional spendable dollars in the current state biennium budget; and

Whereas, the majority of school districts are facing financial crises which could be solved by legislative action from Madison; and

Whereas, the decision not to properly fund schools will ultimately impact the educational quality of our state's children;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Shorewood School District joins with other school districts of Wisconsin in partnering with the Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance in calling on the Committee of Joint Finance to support the following investments in public education:

- **A per pupil spending increase of \$1,510 over the biennium;**
- **Increase special education reimbursements to 60% in Year One and 90% in Year Two; and**
- **Sustainable categorical aid funding for mental health services.**

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Paru Shah, Board President

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Emily Berry, Vice President

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Ellen Eckman, Treasurer

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Becky Freer, Clerk

A blue ink signature of Abby Fowler, written in a cursive style.

Abby Fowler, Member