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Resolution Urging the Release of Impounded Federal Title Funds for Ohio Schools

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has already allocated federal Title funds intended to support Ohio's public schools, especially those serving students with the greatest needs; and

WHEREAS, based on calculations from 2024, approximately \$185 million in critical federal education funding for Ohio remains impounded and unreleased, despite being previously allocated by Congress for distribution to school districts; and

WHEREAS, these Title funds are essential for meeting student needs, closing opportunity gaps, supporting academic recovery, and fulfilling the federal commitment to equitable access to education; and

WHEREAS, this delay is estimated to impact over \$1.9 million in allocated funds for the Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools, despite the timely submission of all required documentation, including our signed Title IV Certification, and

WHEREAS, the delay in releasing these funds disproportionately harms vulnerable student populations; and

WHEREAS, the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District relies on these funds to support vital programs, staff, and services, and has already made budgetary plans and financial forecasts based on the expected distribution of these resources; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's Attorney General, the United States Department of Education, and Ohio's Congressional delegation have a shared responsibility to ensure that allocated federal education dollars reach schools and students without obstruction or delay;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools calls on:

- **Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost** to take all legal and administrative steps necessary to secure the immediate release of impounded federal education funds;
- **United States Senators Bernie Moreno and Jon Husted and United States Representatives Dave Joyce and Emilia Sykes** to publicly advocate for and facilitate the prompt disbursement of these funds to Ohio's school districts;



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- The **United States Department of Education** to work with state and federal officials to ensure funds are not unjustly withheld from schools entitled to receive them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent and Treasurer to forward this resolution to the offices of Attorney General Dave Yost, Ohio's U.S. Senators, and the district's United States Representative, and to share this resolution with the Ohio School Boards Association, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and other public education advocacy organizations.

Adopted this 21 day of July, 2025

Signed:

Pamela J. Wind, Ph.D., Board President, SMFCSD Board of Education

Patrick Goclano, Treasurer, SMFCSD

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