**Grosse Pointe Public School System** **Enclosure: 6.3.**

**Resolution Opposing House Bills 5310, 5311, and 5312 - Mandatory Statewide Schools of Choice/Open Enrollment**

**Sponsor:** Trustee Worden
**Co- Sponsors** _____

February 23, 2026

**WHEREAS,** since the creation of Michigan's Schools of Choice program in 1996, local school districts have retained the authority to decide annually whether, and to what extent, to accept nonresident students; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grosse Pointe Public School System ("GPPSS") Board of Education has consistently voted not to participate in Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice, reflecting long-standing community priorities regarding neighborhood schools, class size, and district finances; and

**WHEREAS,** House Bills 5310, 5311, and 5312 (2025–26 Regular Session) would replace the current voluntary Schools of Choice framework with a mandatory statewide open-enrollment system, requiring every district in Michigan to accept nonresident students if "capacity" exists and prohibiting districts from charging nonresident tuition;

**WHEREAS,** these bills would eliminate the Board's annual decision-making authority regarding participation in Schools of Choice and would instead vest key enrollment and transfer rules in state statute and regulation;

**WHEREAS,** the proposed legislation does not include adequate safeguards or funding mechanisms to:
• protect neighborhood-school configurations in districts like GPPSS that are fully built-out and land-locked,
• ensure that local taxpayers are not subsidizing additional enrollment beyond the foundation allowance, and
• prevent destabilizing swings in enrollment that could undermine long-term planning for staffing, facilities, and programming;

**WHEREAS,** the GPPSS Board of Education believes that decisions about accepting nonresident students are best made at the local level, with input from parents, staff, and community members, rather than mandated uniformly across more than 800 diverse Michigan school districts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the GPPSS Board of Education formally opposes House Bills 5310, 5311, and 5312, and any similar legislation that would:
1. require all districts to participate in Schools of Choice or open enrollment,
2. remove local board authority to decide whether and how to accept nonresident students, or
3. prohibit reasonable, locally determined limits on nonresident enrollment needed to protect class size, facilities, and program quality;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board urges the Michigan Legislature to:
1. preserve local-control provisions in current law that allow elected boards to determine participation in Schools of Choice;
2. commission a comprehensive impact analysis, with district-level modeling, before considering any legislation that would mandate open enrollment statewide; and
3. meaningfully consult with local boards of education, administrators, and community stakeholders prior to advancing any further changes to Michigan's enrollment statutes;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education, the House and Senate Education Committees, and all legislators whose districts include any portion of GPPSS, and to share this resolution with the Michigan Association of School Boards and neighboring school districts.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2026, by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

Board President: _____
Superintendent: _____