

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF OHIO HOUSE BILL 42

The Board of Education of the Berea City School District, held a public meeting, at Berea-Midpark High School, 165 E. Bagley Road, Berea, Ohio 44017 at 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 2026 with the following members in attendance: Maggie Campbell, Ana Chapman, Cori Farris, Rick Mack, Katie Michal.

Campbell moved and Mack
seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 42, introduced in the 136th General Assembly, proposes to require the Department of Education and Workforce, among other state agencies, to collect and report data concerning the citizenship or immigration status of individuals they serve; and

WHEREAS, this mandate could lead to the collection of sensitive personal information from students and their families, potentially infringing upon their privacy rights and creating an environment of fear and mistrust within our schools; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of House Bill 42 may place additional administrative burdens on educators and school staff, diverting resources away from educational instruction and student support services; and

WHEREAS, the Berea City School District is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of their or their families' citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the proposed data collection requirements could deter families from enrolling their children in school or participating in school programs, thereby hindering educational access and equity;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berea City School District Board of Education formally opposes Ohio House Bill 42 as it pertains to the education sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges the Ohio General Assembly to reconsider the implications of Ohio House Bill 42 on public education and to protect the rights and well-being of all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent to communicate this resolution through email and mail a certified copy to legislators representing the Berea City School District - Representative Michael Dovilla, Representative Chris Glassburn and Senator Tom Patton, Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction Paul Craft, and Governor Mike DeWine, and to collaborate with other school districts and educational organizations in advocating against the enactment of House Bill 42.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ana Chapman

Stephanie

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Corinne A. Jarvis

Katie Miller

ADOPTED February 17, 2026

Jill A. Rowe

Jill Rowe, Treasurer