WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution for Act 1 Inflation Index Budget Limit

WHEREAS, The "Taxpayer Relief Act", Act 1 of 2006, 53 P.S. §6926.101 *et seq.*, as amended, requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 permits a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution, as set forth in 53 P.S. § 6926.311(d), indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than January 29, 2026;

WHEREAS, the West Chester Area School District index for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is 3.5%;

WHEREAS, the West Chester Area School District Board of School Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the West Chester Area School District for the 2026-2027 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 15th day of December 2025, it is hereby RESOLVED by the West Chester Area School District ("District") Board of School Directors ("Board") that:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code ("School Code"), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets.

3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

4. The Administration of the District will submit the District's information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the

District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five (5) days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.

5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five (5) days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.

6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under 53 P.S. § 6926.333(f) and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of 53 P.S. § 6926.311. Provided, however:

    a. The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.

    b. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

    c. If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of 53 P.S. § 6926.311.

ATTEST: WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Linda P. Cherashore, Secretary By: Daryl Durnell, President