

Resolution Urging the Governor and the Legislature to pass the 2026-2027 School Aid Budget by July 1.

Whereas, with less than two weeks remaining in this fiscal year for our schools, the Legislature has not yet passed a School Aid Budget; and

Whereas, last year, the budget was not passed until after the Constitutional October 1 deadline. The state's long delay last year forced districts to make critical staffing and programming decisions based on speculation rather than certainty. Without a budget, schools cannot responsibly plan for staffing, class sizes, transportation, or essential services; and

Whereas, Plymouth-Canton Community School District is legally obligated to complete our budget by the end of June. We will fulfill that obligation. But without certainty from Lansing on what funding we will see, we will be forced to once again consider freezing programs, delaying hires, and laying off staff. Families and staff deserve stability, state-created budget delays cause unnecessary stress and financial concerns; and

Whereas, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is already addressing approximately \$10 million in budget reductions while continuing to respond to years of declining enrollment and rising costs for salaries, benefits, transportation, utilities, insurance, special education, supplies, and contracted services; and

Whereas, the district has been required to consider reductions affecting employees who work directly with students, including nursing staff, elementary media paraprofessionals, teachers, counselors, behavior-support employees, technology staff, and other frontline positions; and

Whereas, delaying the state budget creates additional uncertainty for employees whose positions may be affected, administrators who must make staffing decisions, and families who deserve to know what programs and services will be available to their children; and

Whereas, uncertainty in state funding makes it more difficult for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to responsibly plan for a district serving approximately 16,000 students across numerous schools, programs, and facilities; and

Whereas, the framework for a responsible School Aid fund budget already exists within the three proposals under consideration, there is no excuse to delay bringing these ideas together into a final agreement; and

Whereas, we also urge focus to remain on passing a responsible, balanced budget. This is not the time to begin discussions on major reforms. Significant property tax changes or other structural changes that are being brought up deserve a thorough debate, separate from the budget; and

Whereas, policymakers must complete a responsible School Aid budget that meets the needs of Michigan's students. This includes an inflationary increase to the foundation allowance, implementing weighted funding for at-risk and ELL students, stopping the diversion of K12 dollars away from the classroom, and fixing the school safety and mental health funding;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Plymouth-Canton Community School District calls on the Legislature and the Governor to pass the School Aid Budget before July 1; and

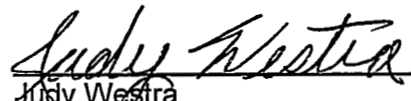
Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the district's representatives in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate, as well as the Governor's office.

Resolved this 23rd day of June, 2026

Ayes: Members Ahmed, Christenson, Kehoe, Sidhu, Vos, and Westra

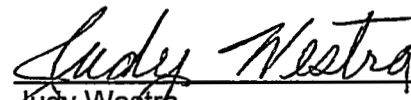
Nays: None

Motion Declared: 6-0



Judy Westra
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Education, certified that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on June 23, 2026, the original of which is part of the Board's Minutes. I further certify that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the Open Meetings Act" (Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).



Judy Westra
Board of Education, Secretary