

RESOLUTION TO SEEK ADEQUATE EDUCATION FUNDING FROM THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BACKGROUND:

Kentucky's constitution provides that the General Assembly has the obligation to provide adequate funding for its schools and the funding has fallen below 2007 levels and is not adequate to ensure that all students become college and career ready.

RATIONALE:

Many, if not most Kentucky school boards have been forced to increase the tax burden on their constituents because of the unfunded mandates pressed upon schools from Frankfort and Washington, D.C. The Kentucky School Boards Association wholeheartedly endorses local boards' efforts to educate lawmakers on the impact of these mandates – regardless of how practical they are for academic achievement – and on understanding that additional requirements for the education of children must require equally additional funding resources from the Kentucky General Assembly and the U.S. Congress. The Fayette County school board deserves praise for having stepped up and acted for its students in the past, but the time has come for leaders in Frankfort and Washington, D.C. to do the same.

STAFF CONTACT: Tom Shelton, Superintendent

POLICY REFERENCE: 01.11 (General Powers and Duties of the Board)

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:

“adopt the resolution requesting that the state meet its obligation under the Constitution to adequately fund education for our state.”