

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Kentucky School Districts

WHEREAS, an excellent public school system is vital to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and fundamental to preserving a strong democratic society both now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of Senate Bill 1 (now called Unbridled Learning) the members of the Kentucky General Assembly and Governor Steve Beshear committed that Kentucky's students would have the tools they need to compete in a global society; and

WHEREAS, in Jefferson County Public Schools, the lack of funding has forced us to limit the support for specific interventions for all schools and required us to provide funding only to our most challenged schools, and has delayed our expansion of early childhood; and

WHEREAS, the unfunded mandates continue to increase, putting additional stress and responsibilities on teachers and administrators working to ensure that students continue on their path to becoming college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, The Kentucky General Assembly and Governor Steve Beshear made a commitment to Kentucky's students to fully fund the mandates of Unbridled Learning, and the lack of funding puts at risk the law's goals and jeopardizes the future success of our students; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate funding has caused the Jefferson County Public School District and districts across the Commonwealth to make significant cuts to their budgets, including both personnel and programs, and compelled school boards to increase property taxes so their districts can continue to operate and serve the students, who are the future of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, school districts are doing more with less, demonstrated by *Education Week's Quality Counts* report, which placed Kentucky among the top 10 states overall in education policy and performance, but at the same time gave Kentucky a grade of F in the spending category.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the members of the Jefferson County Board of Education, do challenge the members of the Kentucky General Assembly and Governor Steve Beshear to take action, including raising revenues if necessary, to put the students of the Commonwealth of Kentucky first, investing in their future and fully funding their educational needs so that Kentucky's public education system can ensure that they are college and career ready.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the Board of Education of Jefferson County, Kentucky, to be affixed the 11th day of November 2013. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

I \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant Secretary to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at the November 11, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voted.

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