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Hustisford School District Board of Education Resolution Regarding the 2015 – 2017 State Budget and School Funding Proposals

Whereas, Wisconsin has a long history and tradition of providing high-quality public education and investing in public schools, not only for our students today, but as an asset in economic development and the future of all Wisconsin citizens, and

Whereas, since the 1993 – 94 school year, school districts in Wisconsin have operated under state imposed revenue limits that cap the amount of money that schools can collect in state aid and local property taxes, and thus serve to limit school spending, and

Whereas, the Hustisford School District, along with school districts throughout Wisconsin, have been forced to reduce expenditures for staffing, operating expenses, and instructional resources for more than twenty years in order to balance their annual budgets, and

Whereas, until recently revenue limits have increased at the rate of inflation to accommodate increases in operating costs to school districts and therefore provide for a more predictable annual budgeting process, and

Whereas, Governor Walker's proposed 2015 – 2017 state budget allows no increase in revenue limits authority for school districts in either year of the two-year state budget, and

Whereas, the Governor's budget proposal eliminates \$150 per pupil aid in 2015 – 2016 school year, which means an immediate cut of \$127 million dollars in public education funding statewide, and

Whereas, the reduction in state aid to the Hustisford School District amounts to a loss of \$65,400 in aid and a reduction of an additional, \$32,700 in revenue limit authority for the 2015 – 2016 school year, and

Whereas, the proposed state budget provides for expanded taxpayer subsidies to private school vouchers and independent charter schools, which will take more money away from state general aid to local public school districts, and

Whereas, the proposed state budget would provide an additional \$105.6 million dollars in each year of the two-year budget to increase levy tax credits (this is money paid to municipalities not school districts and does not provide resources to public schools, its only connection to school budgets is that it is calculated based on school levies).

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Hustisford School District does hereby call upon Governor Scott Walker, Senator Scott Fitzgerald, and Representative Mark Born, along with all State Senators and State Representatives, to revise the state budget to adequately fund public education in Wisconsin for the benefit of the State of Wisconsin and of all public school students.

Date: March 16, 2015

ACTION:

Signed: President, Board of Education

Signed: Clerk, Board of Education

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