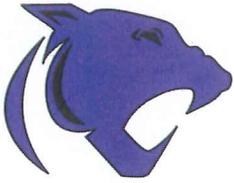


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RESOLUTION

2015-17 Wisconsin State Budget Proposal Pertaining to Public School Funding

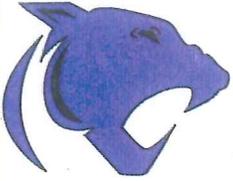
The St. Croix Central School District and State of Wisconsin share a longstanding tradition of providing a high quality education to all students. St. Croix Central is in the Significantly Exceeds Expectations category on our high school report card. We have the highest ACT scores in years. The entire state consistently ranks in the top two or three in ACT scores and graduation rates. Strong education systems are the cornerstone of successful social and economic development. If we don't maintain a strong education system, we won't have a strong, flourishing society in the future.

These are the reasons we feel it necessary to draft a resolution voicing our concerns with the 2015-17 Wisconsin State Budget proposal and advocating for our students.

The State budget proposal is very concerning to the St. Croix Central Board of Education.

- The proposed budget would result in a \$230,000 decrease in funding for St. Croix Central School District.
- The proposed budget does not include any inflationary increases over the biennium, while our school district operating costs continue to increase. In fact, our per-student revenue is nearly the same as it was in 2009-10. The costs for providing a quality education to our students continue to increase, yet the funding has not.
- The proposed budget does not allow for an increase in revenue limits and the \$108 million in 2016-17 will be used for reducing property taxes and not to fund schools.
- The proposed budget expands taxpayer to private voucher schools and independent charter schools. Not only will this expansion result in further reductions in public school revenue, it also is fundamentally contradictory to using public tax dollars to fund public governmental entities.

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The St. Croix Central School Board advocates for the following:

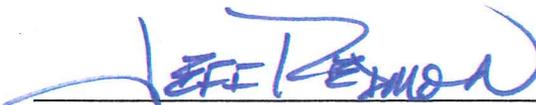
- Restore the \$150 per pupil categorical aid annually for the 2015-17 biennium.
- Add an inflationary increase in state equalization aid.
- Add a corresponding inflationary increase to our revenue cap.
- No increase in public funding for voucher expansion to private entities.

The St. Croix Central School District Board of Education advocates for an adequately funded education for St. Croix Central and Wisconsin public school students. We strongly encourage **Governor Scott Walker, Senator Sheila Harsdorf, Representative Dean Knudson and Representative John Murtha** to restore the \$150 per pupil categorical aid in 2015-17; add an inflationary increase in state equalization aid and a corresponding increase in the revenue cap, and not increase public funding for the expansion of vouchers and independent charter schools so that Wisconsin public schools receive adequate funding necessary to provide a quality education for our students.

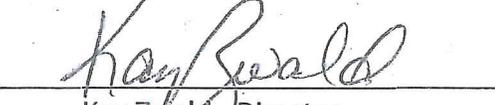
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatures of the St. Croix Central School Board verify that the St. Croix Central Board of Education took action and executed this Resolution the 16th day of March, 2015.

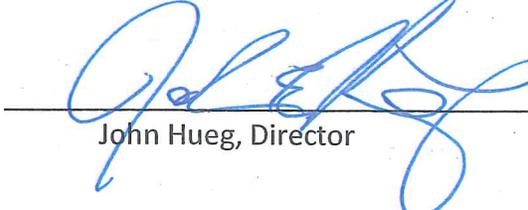

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