

## Resolution Opposing Senate Bills 618-624

*Farmington, Michigan* — The following resolution was adopted by the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education on October 18, 2011.

**WHEREAS**, the Farmington Public School District has a long history and commitment to comprehensive education for all students, and urge the Legislature to pursue comprehensive education for all students in the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, we define comprehensive education as one that offers learning choices that develop each student's intellectual, emotional, social, relative, aesthetic and physical dimensions; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that the education of all students, no matter their learning style or level of ability, must be supported with adequate financial resources; and

**WHEREAS**, currently proposed legislation further eliminates the local community authority, granted by the State School Aid Act, that defines a district's per pupil funding level, allows it to make financial and other decisions after taking into consideration factors unique to its individual circumstances, and to make decisions at the local level which are in the best interests of its students; and

**WHEREAS**, local districts are allowed to levy specific millages, paid for by that community's taxpayers, to provide them with a level of funding and infrastructure deemed adequate to meet the educational needs of their communities, like Farmington which levies a significant Hold Harmless millage to supplement its per pupil funding; and

**WHEREAS**, a package of bills has been introduced into the Legislature, SB 618 - SB 624, which has the potential to further erode enrollment and funding provided by local communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the unregulated expansion of charter schools, conversion schools, cyber schools, and dual enrollment expansion has the potential to significantly cripple the ability of all local public schools to fund their infrastructure, due to the potential loss of per pupil funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Farmington Board of Education does not support the package of bills SB618-624 and urges the Legislature and the Governor to halt support for these measures which will most certainly negatively impact all public schools financially and further erode local control.

Adopted: October 18, 2011



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