

*The following resolution was adopted by the Okemos Board of Education during its meeting November 23, 2009. A copy has been provided to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Representative Mark Meadows, and Senator Gretchen Whitmer.*

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**OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION REGARDING  
SCHOOL FUNDING BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

A regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education (the "Board") was held in the board room at the Okemos Public Schools' Administration Building, in the district, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Theuer, President. Members Present: Deb Baughman, Amy Crites, Mary Graham, Bob McDonough, Ronald Styka, Jeff Theuer, Peter Trezise

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Ronald J. Styka and supported by Member Mary Graham:

**WHEREAS:**

- education is the cornerstone of a successful economic turnaround and investment in education is the key to a new Michigan; and
- the children of Michigan deserve educational opportunities that allow them to compete on a national and inter-national basis; and
- it is imperative to combine needed investments in education with meaningful, money-saving reforms in the delivery of educational programs; and
- the long-term economic health of our state and opportunity for our citizens is conditioned on meaningful structural reform to provide stable and fair funding for education; and
- given the crippling effects on our citizens and our educational institutions of continuing short-term, temporary measures and budget impasses over educational funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The board of education of the Okemos Public Schools insists that the governor and legislature immediately find the revenues necessary to reduce the cuts to the education budget to meet their Constitutional responsibility to children of this state; and

2. The board of education of the Okemos Public Schools insists that the governor and legislature look beyond the immediate revenue shortfall and focus on the perennial and structural deficit that plagues school finance in Michigan.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Ayes: 7      Nays: 0      Absent: 0      Motion Passed

*Robert A. McDonough*

Bob McDonough, Secretary;  
Okemos Board of Education

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The undersigned, duly qualified and acting secretary of the board of education of Okemos Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regular meeting held on November 23, 2009, the original of which is part of the board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

*Robert A. McDonough*

Bob McDonough, Secretary  
Okemos Board of Education