



## School Board of South Milwaukee

### Resolution 18-4 Support for Allocating Funds for Special Education Categorical Aid

**Whereas**, the South Milwaukee School Board, administrators, educators, staff, parents and community members of South Milwaukee are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible; and

**Whereas**, the South Milwaukee School District supports local control and the ability of the elected School Board to make decisions to support the learning of our students; and

**Whereas**, Special Education Categorical Aid is the major aid program supporting special education in Wisconsin; and

**Whereas**, the state of Wisconsin had statutory language to fund over 60% of the public school costs related to special education services, but now funds merely 26%; and;

**Whereas**, the Special Education Categorical Aid reimburses public schools a portion of the special education costs related to school counseling, social work, nursing, psychologist, occupational health, physical therapy, early childhood, deaf & hard of hearing, speech & language, visually impaired along with other special needs; and

**Whereas**, the Sum Certain allocation for Special Education Categorical Aid has been kept flat since the 2008-09 fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, the reimbursement rate since 2007-08 has fallen from 28.8% to 25.6% in 2017-18; and

**Whereas**, the Governor and members of the Wisconsin Legislature have neglected to increase public school Special Education Categorical Aid since 2008; and

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the South Milwaukee Board of Education calls on Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin State Assembly, and the Wisconsin Senate to support modifying the Special Education Categorical Aid to Sum Sufficient and increasing the rate of reimbursement to 60% of total eligible costs.

**In Witness whereof**, the undersigned, being all of the members of the School Board for the South Milwaukee School District, have executed this resolution this 22nd day of August, 2018.

Board President, Carol Dufek

Board Clerk, Douglas Perry

Board Member, David Maass

Board Vice President, Therese Travia

Board Treasurer, John Haslam

Board Member, Jon Shelenske