



School Board of South Milwaukee

Resolution 18-5 Opposing Anti-Local Control School Referendum Restrictions

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, because of state-imposed revenue limits on school districts referenda are the only way many districts can access additional needed resources; and

Whereas, the anti-local control referendum restrictions exacerbate the trend of creating “haves” who can pass referenda and “have nots” who cannot and opportunities for students will further be determined by their zip code; and

Whereas, voting is not a difficult process and voters in Wisconsin are intelligent. They do not need to be protected from themselves. If they do not support a referendum, they can vote no; and

Whereas, referenda can provide an opportunity for a community to have a very focused and robust conversation about what it wants its public schools to be. School Boards propose referenda because they believe doing so is in the best educational interests of the students and communities they represent; and

Whereas, investing in public education is an investment not only in our students’ capacity for success beyond high school, but an investment in economic development and the future of the South Milwaukee Community, Wisconsin and Nation ; 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 eliminating referendum restrictions on school districts.

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