



School District of South Milwaukee School Board
Resolution 21-1 Support for Investing in our Public Schools
Through the 2021-23 Wisconsin State Budget
June 2, 2021

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

Whereas, School Districts throughout Wisconsin and the Nation have worked hard and continue to work hard to fulfill the educational needs of our students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the federal COVID-19 funds were created to address the additional stressors due to the pandemic, and were not created to supplant state and local funding; and

Whereas, revenue limits are the single biggest factor putting stress on the School District of South Milwaukee's operational budget and ability to fund student learning; and

Whereas, revenue limit challenges are further worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic as enrollments have decreased; and

Whereas, the School District of South Milwaukee transfers over \$4 million from the general fund to the special education fund thus limiting opportunities for all students; and

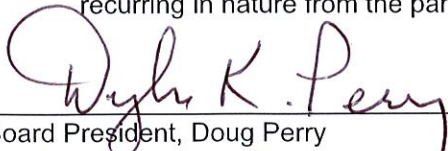
Whereas, the State of Wisconsin's Joint Finance Committee has the awesome responsibility to craft the 2021-23 budget for the citizens of Wisconsin; and


Whereas, budgets are moral documents, and investing in public education needs to be a top priority; and

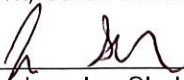
Whereas, the new funding available for the 2021-23 biennium allows for additional investments to be made in public education; and

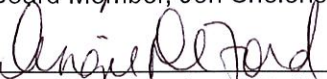
Therefore, Be It Resolved, the School District of South Milwaukee School Board calls on the Committee on Joint Finance to support the following investments in public education:

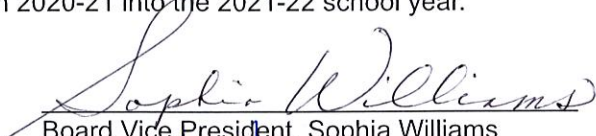
- \$200 per pupil revenue limit adjustment
- 50% reimbursement for special education programs, funded as a sum sufficient allocation
- Allowing both the declining enrollment exemption and the hold harmless exemption to become recurring in nature from the pandemic stricken 2020-21 into the 2021-22 school year.

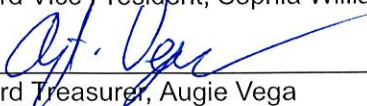

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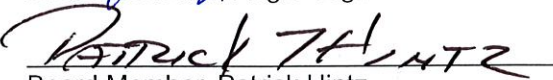

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