



School District of South Milwaukee School Board
Resolution 21-2 Support for Investing in our Public Schools
August 25, 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 2021-23 State Biennial budget has defunded our public schools by not providing inflationary adjustments to sustain student programs and services; and

Whereas, the State has funds available to invest in public schools; and

Whereas, inflation is trending over 4% for the current year which will cause significant hardship on public schools that have been defunded through the 2021-23 biennial budget; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, the School District of South Milwaukee School Board calls on the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor to support the following investments in public education:

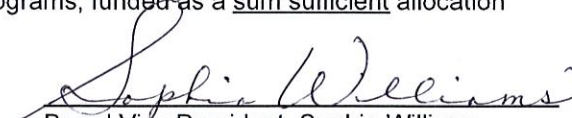
- \$200 per pupil revenue limit adjustment in 2021-22 and \$400 per pupil in 2022-23
- 50% reimbursement for special education programs, funded as a sum sufficient allocation


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