

Portage Township School Corporation

BOARD RESOLUTION

**A Resolution of the School Board of Trustees of the Portage Township Schools Corporation
Regarding the Support for Public Education**

WHEREAS, it is time to stop depriving our public schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time to listen to the constituents of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, it is time to focus on the children of Indiana; our children; and

WHEREAS, Indiana needs to increase the funding for K-12 public education by nearly \$1.5 billion a year to catch up with surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, teachers in Indiana are the lowest paid in the region (IL, KY, MI, OH, and WI) and necessary funding and actions to ensure competitive salaries within a reasonable amount of time; and

WHEREAS, it is time to stop draining resources for public schools while increasing funding and voucher options for private, for-profit schools ultimately decreases dollars available for public schools; and

WHEREAS, strong public schools are necessary in order for every child to learn and succeed regardless of where they live or the income of their family.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage Township School Corporation supports its own teachers and those around Indiana in public schools, and will work to enlist the support of community members to ensure that the future of public education remains in the hands of the community, which it serves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Portage Township School Corporation will promote increased awareness of the importance of keeping our teachers in the schools and of recruiting persons to enter the teaching profession by providing increase salaries to teachers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Portage Township School District will encourage and ask our local legislators to support our schools and teachers by dedicating a portion of the state's \$2+ billion surplus to offer competitive salaries for teachers.

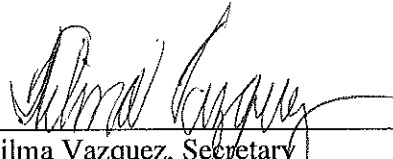
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the School Board of Trustees hereby stands in support of public education. Indiana legislators have a responsibility to all children, and they must prioritize public schools of Indiana and acknowledge the dedication of our educators and the financial means needed to provide the highest quality education for all children. We hereby


declare Tuesday, November 19, 2019, to be a Portage Red for Ed Day and encourage the entire community to join us in wearing red to support public education while our district's educators join others throughout the state of Indiana to rally in support of our students and the need to appropriately fund public education.

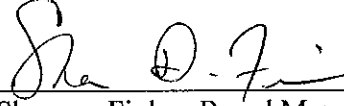
This resolution was **passed and adopted** this 11th day of November, 2019.


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