

BOARD RESOLUTION #2010/2011-04
IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR CORBETT'S PROPOSED \$1 BILLION CUT IN STATE
EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this body, the Board of School Directors of the McGuffey School District, in partnership with the General Assembly, to provide for the education of the children of this school district; and

WHEREAS, increases in recent years in state funding in Pennsylvania and investment of those increases in programs proven to increase achievement in the classroom have resulted in sustained improvement in academic performance for Pennsylvania students; and

WHEREAS, the increase in state funding to education has enabled the district to provide programs and services to students and teachers which have facilitated the substantial increase in student performance on state assessments including an increase since 2003 in the percentage of students at grade level or above and a decrease in the percentage of students scoring years behind grade level; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that even during a recession, it is necessary for Pennsylvania to continue to make smart investments that improve the ability of our students to compete in a skill-driven global economy and avoid substantial program cuts that will only hurt the ability of students to meet state academic standards; and

WHEREAS, expectations and requirements for students do not diminish just because economic times are difficult and school districts must still continue to provide the necessary programs and supports that will enable students to meet academic standards; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tom Corbett, in his budget address delivered on March 8, 2011, has proposed over one billion dollars in drastic cuts to state education funding including \$550 million in the Basic Education Fund, \$260 million in the Accountability Block Grant, \$48 million in the Education Assistance Program and \$224 million in the Reimbursement of Charter School costs; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would result in a cut of \$1,715,504 in the state funding to the district and would require significant cuts in the programs, supports and services provided to our students and teachers which may include employee furloughs, full day kindergarten, before and after school tutoring, additional assistance for at-risk learners, alternative education, student athletics and activities, replacement of outdated technology, textbooks and library materials, field trips, and curriculum development; therefore


BE IT RESOLVED that the McGuffey School District does not support the drastic cuts in state funding for education proposed by Governor Tom Corbett and that such cuts will have a negative effect on the students of the Commonwealth and the long term economic growth and well being of the State of Pennsylvania; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the district's website and mailed to all elected state representatives of the McGuffey School District in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

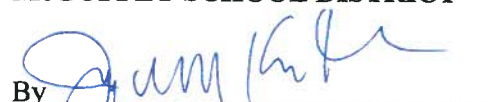
Adopted this 20th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)


Secretary

McGUFFEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

By 
President of the Board