

RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INCREASE ITS INVESTMENT IN STUDENTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S MOST UNDERFUNDED SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE **[insert school district]** SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, all of Pennsylvania's more than 1.7 million public school students deserve an opportunity to attend schools that have the financial resources to provide a quality education; and

WHEREAS, many school districts in Pennsylvania are severely underfunded, despite high local tax efforts; and

WHEREAS, these most underfunded districts serve a disproportionate share of the Commonwealth's students of color, students living in poverty, students with disabilities, and English learners; and

WHEREAS, these large adequacy and equity gaps prevent districts from meeting the needs of hundreds of thousands of our most underserved students, limiting their educational opportunities and threatening the Commonwealth's future workforce, tax base, and economy; and

WHEREAS, while Pennsylvania's Basic Education Funding (BEF) formula provides weighted student funding for districts with higher levels of need, only new education spending is distributed using the formula; and

WHEREAS, at the current rate of increases in state educational spending, it will take decades or more for the most underfunded districts to reach adequate funding through increases in new BEF spending; the increases are too small and spread across too many districts to close the gap; and

WHEREAS, insufficient action by the General Assembly to address the needs of the Commonwealth's most underfunded school districts will continue to leave hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania's children without adequate resources to receive a high-quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **[insert school district]** urges the General Assembly to pass House Bill 1167 to further invest in the children who attend school in the Commonwealth's 100 most underfunded school districts (bottom 20 percent) by appropriating funds, in addition to basic education funding, for a "Level Up" supplement of at least \$100 million initially to lift those schools with the greatest need and to build the "Level Up" supplement funding into the base funding for these districts each year going forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the elected senators, **[name of state senator(s)]** and representatives **[name of state representative(s)]** of the **[insert school district]** in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Signed, _____