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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Community School District Board of Directors Affirms Resolution Calling on Student Equity**

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Iowa, November \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015*

Directors from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ community school district school board discussed a resolution at their board meeting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2015, pointing out how some Iowa students receive less funding to support their education than students in other districts.

The resolution explains the Iowa school funding formula, through which some districts based on historical practice more than 45 years ago get as much as $175 more for every student enrolled in the school compared to other Iowa school districts. As the funding increases from the state on a per pupil basis have been at record low levels in 4 of the last 6 years, every dollar matters in providing a good education for our students in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “We now know that our district would have $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more every year if we were funded at the highest amount”, said Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “That money goes for more teachers, newer textbooks, instructional software and programs and opportunities for students. It’s only fair that our students get the same support as other students in Iowa.”

(If applicable) School transportation costs was another key focus of the resolution. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, shared statistics of the miles traveled getting to and from school, explaining part of the range of expenses from a low of $45 to a high of $1,100 in transportation costs for every student enrolled in the district. “For us, our busing costs are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ above the state average transportation cost. That translates into fewer teachers we provide for our students. It’s not our students’ fault that they live in a district with many miles and fewer kids.”

The resolution calls on the 2016 Iowa Legislature and the Governor to address these inequalities in revenue from the formula and transportation expenditures, on behalf of all students in the state of Iowa. “It shouldn’t matter where you live in the state, rural or urban, suburban or on the state border, every student deserves adequate support to get a good education, including our students here in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, said \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, School Board President.

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Copy of the resolution attached

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