Resolution in Support of Full Implementation of the

Fair School Funding Plan

Whereas, the methodology for the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) (otherwise known as the Cupp-Patterson School Funding Plan) was developed by school funding experts and practitioners, and

Whereas, the development of the FSFP was to create a funding mechanism that would be fair and equitable for all districts statewide, and

Whereas, the overriding aim of the crafters of the FSFP was to meet the criteria contained in Ohio's Constitution which calls for a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

Whereas, the FSFP has had the overwhelming support of the education community and many lawmakers from around the state, and

Whereas, the Governor and the General Assembly prudently devised a six-year phasein of the FSFP in order minimize the stress on state resources, and

Whereas, the first four years of the FSFP (along with appropriate updates to the data used within the formula methodology) have been successfully implemented, and

Whereas, the final two years of implementation of the FSFP have not yet been accomplished, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the <u>Northwest Local School District</u> Board of Education urges the 136th General Assembly to implement the final two-year phase-in of the FSFP, and

Further be it resolved, that the board urges that the phase-in include appropriate updates to the data used within the formula methodology

We urge this action in order that districts across the state may receive the full benefits of the FSFP and that lawmakers may examine the effectiveness of the FSFP when fully implemented.

Signed

Amy Wells, Treasurer