



WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution states the Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Commission states the urgency could not be greater regarding our falling K-12 performance, given that Michiganders underperform their peers, ranking 41<sup>st</sup> on fourth-grade reading performance nationally; and

WHEREAS, the way we fund Michigan's public schools is fundamentally broken; and

WHEREAS, we must reexamine our approach and develop an equitable funding formula model that ensures ALL students, regardless of their circumstances, can achieve and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative is a broad-based, diverse and bipartisan group of community, business and education leaders, from Metro Detroit to the U.P., who agree it's time to change how our schools are funded to cover the true cost of educating students; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative adequacy study provides lawmakers and the public with the best, most accurate and reliable information on what it truly costs to educate ALL Michigan students; and

WHEREAS, the SFRC report and other research clearly demonstrate the need to increase funding for our schools and target education funding more effectively; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Grand Haven Area Public Schools Board of Education calls upon the Michigan Legislature to fulfill its commitment to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools with the resources recommended in the School Finance Research Collaborative report to enable each child to achieve proficiency on Michigan standards; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Michigan's school funding formula should reflect the true cost of providing an education that meets the individual needs of each child with a weighted formula for students in poverty, special education and English Language Learners, giving all an equal opportunity to meet the performance standards set by the State of Michigan and the State Board of Education.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Nichol Stack', is written over a horizontal line.

Nichol Stack, Secretary  
GHAPS Board of Education