

UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Utica Community Schools continues to be recognized for academic excellence at state and national levels and its continued commitment to student achievement;

WHEREAS, this recognition includes Michigan blue ribbon exemplary schools, award-winning students, a high level of student achievement on standardized tests, highly qualified staff and being among a limited number of districts honored by the College Board for student participation and success in Advanced Placement programs;

WHEREAS, The Utica Community Schools has also been recognized for its overall fiscal responsibility and its efforts to protect classes and student programs while making \$67 million dollars in reductions over the past several years;

WHEREAS, these reductions have included employee concessions and contributions on health care, reduction of nearly 500 staff members, including administrators, the closure of four elementary schools, restructuring of programs to reduce costs, and the sale of property;

WHEREAS, further reduction in school funding will seriously impact the district's ability to provide the level of educational opportunities that its community expects and its students need to be successful in a global workforce;

WHEREAS, state lawmakers are now considering a proposed aid package that reflects the highest revenue cut to schools in Michigan's history;

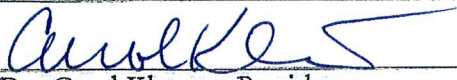
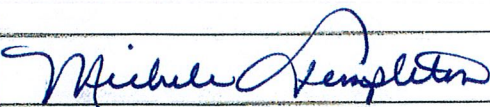
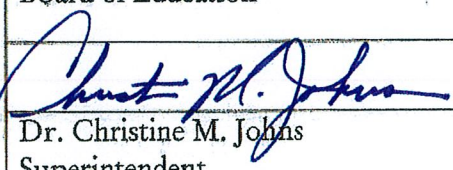
WHEREAS, if approved, the state package will create a \$37 million dollar deficit for our schools causing a negative impact on student programs; and thrusting us into a deficit;

WHEREAS, the package includes options that will seriously jeopardize the financial future of Michigan's children, including a proposal to divert funding for K-12 education to fund higher education;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Utica Community Schools Board of Education calls on its state lawmakers to work with district officials to adopt a funding plan that protects the financial future of our schools and the quality of education in their districts.

AND LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Utica Community Schools implores legislators to reject the current proposal from the Governor for school funding for the 2011-2012 school year, as it will have a significant negative impact on the quality of education and future of our State.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED


Dr. Carol Klenow, President Board of Education

Michele Templeton, Secretary Board of Education

Dr. Christine M. Johns Superintendent

March 28, 2011