

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 14-04-01

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's more than 1.8 million public school students deserve the highest quality education; and

WHEREAS, the state's contribution in funding public education as a percentage of basic instructional expenses has declined from over 50 percent during the mid-1970's , to less than 35 percent today; and, on average, other states contribute 44 percent of total education funding; and Pennsylvania ranks 47th among the 50 states in the amount of state subsidies allocated to support elementary and secondary education, and ranks 8th in the reliance on local taxes; and

WHEREAS, as the state's share of K-12 education funding decreases while the number of state and federal mandates for public schools steadily increases each year, additional burden is placed on local taxpayers to make up the difference to ensure that our students' education is not jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, in recent years basic education funding has been distributed without the benefit of a funding formula, with the lack of a reliable, fair and transparent funding formula resulting in great disparities in how state education funds are distributed to school districts; and

WHEREAS, these inequities effectively harm the ability of school districts to adequately and fairly provide the resources for the different needs of their students, especially those in poverty, those with disabilities, English language learners and other students; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County School District supports the development of a system of public school financing that addresses the needs of school districts and students, and establishes a school funding formula that is equitable, adequate, comprehensive, and consistent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board urges the General Assembly to reinvest its interest in the support of public schools by taking legislative action to establish a formula that is predictable and addresses adequacy and equity for all school districts; and
2. The Board will encourage others, including parents, students and district taxpayers, to contact the Pennsylvania General Assembly to convey the importance of establishing a fair and equitable public school funding formula.
3. The Board directs that a copy of this Resolution be posted on the District's website and be submitted to the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, as well as to the elected state senators and representatives of the Warren County School District in the General Assembly.

4. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions of this District which are not in accord with this Resolution are here by repealed insofar as they affect this Resolution.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Warren County School District this 14, day of April, 2014.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Secretary

Board President