

New Albany Floyd County Schools Board of Trustees Resolution to the Indiana General Assembly

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the New Albany Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation supporting the school district and its educators and their collective “#REDFORED” movement.

WHEREAS, the governing body of New Albany Floyd County School Corporation of Floyd County, New Albany, IN, as a political subdivision of the State of Indiana, is charged with providing a free and appropriate public education for all students enrolled in the school district; and,

WHEREAS, the economic, cultural, and social future of Indiana is largely dependent upon the assurance of educational opportunity for its youngest citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the promise of any future requires sound, deliberate and persistent investment in the present; and,

WHEREAS, a strong and vital public education system attracts and builds economic investment and development benefitting all; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana’s national rankings on public school funding and teacher compensation have seen marked declines over the last decade impacting Indiana’s ability to attract and retain educational professionals upon whom we and our children depend; and,

WHEREAS, our own school district has struggled to give raises in salary and benefits to teachers and other support staff that keep up with the cost of living in Indiana that has resulted in loss of earning power for our employees; and,

WHEREAS, the people of this school district and this state – and more importantly, the public school *children* of this state – deserve a future that includes increased opportunities coupled with a reversal of the trends described herein; and,

WHEREAS, under the Indiana Constitution and other statutes, the Indiana General Assembly and the governor are both authorized and empowered to ensure that the state’s public school system is adequately funded and resourced; and,

WHEREAS, no one has sacrificed more to ensure our public school children receive a quality public education despite insufficient funding and resources, not of their making, than our public school teachers and school employees; and,

WHEREAS, the New Albany Floyd County School Corporation School Board believes that our entire community (including parents, families, caregivers, business leaders, teachers, support professionals, school district administrators, neighbors and friends) support our educators, and, therefore, pledge support to enhance revenue sources needed to educate our children and secure Indiana’s future.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the New Albany Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation supports our educators and stands ready to take steps necessary to improve salaries and working conditions for our district employees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body supports our school employees as they engage in legal activities that clearly make known their demands concerning necessary funding for meaningful teacher and support staff raises and increased education funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the governing body urges the Indiana General Assembly and governor to work urgently on behalf of the children and families in our state to take swift and meaningful action to pay teachers and support staff increased professional salaries.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the New Albany Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation this 13th day of May, 2019.

_____ Elizabeth Galligan, President

_____ Jennie Higby, Vice President

_____ Elaine Murphy, Secretary

_____ Joe Brown, Member

_____ Donna Corbett, Member

_____ Rebecca Gardenour, Member

_____ Lee Ann Wiseheart, Member