

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dearborn Public Schools
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Dearborn, MI 48124

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Dearborn School District, Wayne County, Michigan, was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:09 p.m. in the Administrative Service Center.

Present: Members

Hussein Berry, Mary Lane, Mike Meade, Jim Thorpe, and Mariam Bazzi (5)

Absent: Members

Fadwa Hammoud and Mary Petlichkoff (2)

The following resolution was offered by President Bazzi and seconded by Trustee Berry.

WHEREAS, free public schools available to every child regardless of income, ability, need, English language proficiency, or racial and ethnic identity are keystones in the foundation of our American democracy; and

WHEREAS, our public schools prepare the nation's young people—rich, poor, native- and foreign-born, and of all abilities—to contribute to our nation's society, economy and civic life; and

WHEREAS, all of our students deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child, providing enrichment and addressing social and emotional needs in addition to core academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, the Dearborn Board of Education expect fellow elected leaders and policymakers, regardless of political party affiliation, to value and support this vision for a strong and inclusive public education system; and

WHEREAS, local accountability for our public schools is necessary to ensure that schools are responsive to the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of all American children attend and depend on public schools for their chance to succeed and achieve the American dream; and

WHEREAS, education policies such as voucher programs diminish the resources needed by traditional public schools to provide the safe and nurturing learning environment that all students deserve in an education system offering fairness and opportunity for all children.

NOW THEREFORE, for these reasons and many others, be it,

RESOLVED, that the The Dearborn Public Schools Board of Education supports public education in our community that is high-quality, inclusive and supported with resources that are adequate for its essential responsibility of helping all children achieve, succeed and mature into good citizens who contribute to America's economy, social well-being and the civic life of our democracy; and

RESOLVED, that the Dearborn Board of Education rejects policies that lead to separate and unequal educational opportunities for our students, or that privatize school operations and undermine local control and accountability for all of our publicly funded schools.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Michael Speake".

Secretary, Board of Education