



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE SCHOOL REFORM OFFICE PLANS FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF CEO'S TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, *Saginaw Public School District has been cited as being a school district in deficit and has both eliminated the deficit and is growing towards the state-recommended fund balance, and*

WHEREAS, *Section 380.1280c of the Michigan School Code cites student academic standards that should be met in low-performing school, and*

WHEREAS, *the Saginaw Public Schools have been submitting quarterly reports on its transformation model plans to increase academic scores in its schools, and*

WHEREAS, *the School Reform Office has not given any reactions or suggestions to the progress shown in these reports, and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Michigan has a 'less than stellar record' in achieving progress in the schools it has taken over during the past few years, and*

WHEREAS, *the School Reform Office (SRO) has not chosen to educate themselves regarding our community and has totally disregarded our continuing work with our parents and community, and*

WHEREAS, *the SRO has assigned an outside CEO to take over Michigan schools, and has threatened to carelessly close schools across the state, and since the law was enacted, we have learned that the Federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation has been replaced with the federal ESSA law which provides for new and different rules, and*

WHEREAS, *outside interventions of a CEO or the unilateral closing of schools will lead to a lack of community and staff engagement, and potential damage to Saginaw Public School District's reputation and possible loss of students with accompanying fiscal impact, and*

WHEREAS, *the "Partnership Model" has been in effect for less than one year with support from the Saginaw ISD, Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), Middle Cities Education Association (MCEA), and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), with little contact from the SRO, and*

THEREFORE, *be it resolved, that we know the needs of our community and can (and do) serve its members better than the State can by takeover or other means, and*

THEREFORE, *be it further resolved that the School District of the City of Saginaw makes it known that it is not in support of the assignment of a CEO or any school closures that will further disrupt the education of its children and the lives of its families and the community. We ask to receive the complete length of time to continue to improve the test scores that show more gains than the goals that the State has set, and*

THEREFORE, *be it finally resolved that the SRO allow us to work with our students, parents and community to educate students for a better future in Saginaw and in the State of Michigan.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Board of Education for the School District of the City of Saginaw at a meeting thereof held on the 15th day of February, 2017, by the following vote of the Members thereof:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF: 7

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