

MODEL RESOLUTION
INCREASE IN THE 2019-20 MFP

WHEREAS the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) establishes the state funding component of the K12 public education system in Louisiana and the Legislature is required to fully fund the formula;

WHEREAS, there was no increase in the base per pupil for the school years of 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14;

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Regular Session the MFP base per pupil increased from \$3,855 to \$3,961 for the 2014-15 school year;

WHEREAS, had the MFP base per pupil been increased each year by the anticipated 2.75%, the 2019-20 MFP would be \$5,056;

WHEREAS, BESE has unanimously recommended a 1.375% increase in the base per pupil of 2019-20, raising the base per pupil from \$3,961 to \$4,015;

WHEREAS, BESE's recommendation also includes additional funding in Level 3 of the MFP dedicated to an increase in compensation for teachers and support workers in the amount of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively;

WHEREAS, the **SCHOOL BOARD** has been absorbing ever-increasing operational costs, from health insurance, to technology, to security of students, to curriculum to align with new state standards, and increasing demands of the state accountability system, without increased state funding;

WHEREAS, BESE's unanimously recommended MFP will benefit local school districts in every parish, as well as every public charter school in the state;

WHEREAS, the **SCHOOL BOARD** finds that BESE's recommended MFP, which divides the increased funding between a dedicated teacher and support worker pay raise and an increase in per pupil funding, will help meet the ever-increasing costs of providing a public education to each child that presents at the doors of our schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **SCHOOL BOARD**, supports the unanimously approved MFP adopted by BESE to increase the MFP Level 1 per pupil by 1.375% and to provide funding for a dedicated teacher and support worker pay raise in Level 3 of the MFP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **SCHOOL BOARD**, urges the Legislature to approve SCR 3, authored by Sen. Dan Morrish and/or HCR 1 authored by Rep. Nancy Landry, adopting the MFP that was unanimously approved by BESE for the 2019-20 school year;

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **SCHOOL BOARD** directs the Superintendent to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the **PARISH LEGISLATIVE delegation**, to Sen. Dan Morrish, Rep. Nancy Landry, and to Governor John Bel Edwards.