

RESOLUTION 14-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE FISHERS TOWN COUNCIL, WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, CARMEL CITY COUNCIL, NOBLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL, HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is an economic engine for growth providing high levels of income and property taxes to the state of Indiana;

WHEREAS, Hamilton County attracts high-growth, high-performing corporate citizens and a highly educated workforce by offering families excellent public education options in all six of its public school corporations;

WHEREAS, *US News & World Report* has named four Hamilton County high schools to its Indiana top ten list, and, during the last decade, at least nine (9) Hamilton County schools were named Blue Ribbon Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Hamilton County schools receive some of the lowest per-pupil funding of all schools – despite their demonstrable records of achievement and success;

WHEREAS, Hamilton County schools have not been able to keep up with the federal cost of living adjustments;

WHEREAS, Hamilton County's elected officials and business community recognize that the County's continued growth, development and economic contribution to the State of Indiana depends on offering excellent schools;

WHEREAS, the current school funding issues jeopardize the long-term sustainability of Hamilton County's school corporations; and

WHEREAS, the recently-enacted Senate Bill 517 regarding allocation of circuit breaker losses adversely impacts local governmental entities, including school corporations, throughout the state. One of its immediate impacts in Hamilton County will cause Westfield-Washington Schools to eliminate transportation. Unless it is repealed, it could have the same impact on all Hamilton County school corporations.

WHEREAS, Hamilton County desires to partner with the State of Indiana to provide viable and sustainable school funding that supports Indiana's high-performing schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Fishers, City of Westfield, City of Carmel, City of Noblesville, Hamilton County Commissioners and Hamilton County Council as follows:

1. To allow schools to continue offering school bus transportation, Hamilton County requests that the state allocate future increases in state education funding to base foundation funding. In addition, the funding formula should provide financial rewards for student academic growth.

2. To promote sustainable schools, Hamilton County requests that the state allocate future increases in state education funding to base foundation funding.

3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2014.

WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Voting For

Voting Against

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ATTEST:

Cindy J. Gossard, Clerk Treasurer

I hereby certify that RESOLUTION 14-104 was delivered to the Mayor of Westfield

on the _____ day of _____, 2014, at _____ m.

Cindy J. Gossard, Clerk Treasurer

I hereby APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-104

this _____ day of _____, 2014.

I hereby VETO RESOLUTION 14-104

this _____ day of _____, 2014

J. Andrew Cook, Mayor

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