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RESOLUTION # 16-2011

Resolution offered by Supervisor Denny Thompson

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin continues to reduce aid to public school districts in Oneida County and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Oneida County School Districts have found it urgent in finding a more fair and equitable formula in dispersing these funds; and

WHEREAS, School Officials indicate the present funding formula is broken, and that over 50 School Districts no longer receive any state funding, transferring excessive, unfair, cost on to local property taxpayers, forcing land splits, and sale of family properties; and

WHEREAS, due to declining enrollments and higher property values, citizens of Oneida County are bearing an ever-increasing burden due to these decreased state aids to local School Districts; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve the opportunity to receive the best possible education affordable, and the State's promises to fund school districts at a 2/3rds level have not been kept in Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, Tony Evers, Superintendent of The Wisconsin Department of Instruction (DPI) has authored a proposal called "Fair Funding for our Future", which not only considers property values in funding school districts in Oneida County and elsewhere, but would consider also the income and poverty levels of a district; and

WHEREAS, under the "Fair Funding for our Future" proposal, estimates are that this formula would increase aids to the Rhinelander Area 15%, and 40% to the Minocqua Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Oneida County Board of Supervisors considers this an urgent matter in seeking major changes in the School District funding formula and asks our state legislators and governor to take serious consideration of the DPI "Fair Funding for Our Future", or an alternative plan, of reforming the current methods that fund general equalization aids for public school districts in Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution to be sent to Gov. Scott Walker, Sen. Jim Holperin, Rep. Dan Meyer, Rep. Tom Tiffany, Wisconsin Department of Instruction, and Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date:

Approved by Supervisor Denny Thompson this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Offered and passage moved by: _____
Denny Thompson

Seconded By: _____
Supervisor

52 _____ Ayes

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54 _____ Nays

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56 _____ Absent

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58 _____ Abstain

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62 by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2011.

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67 Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

Ted Cushing, County Board Chair