

**RESOLUTION OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AMERY**

Whereas, Governor Walker has proposed a \$150 decrease per student in public school funding for 2015-16; and

Whereas, this decrease results in \$238,499 “base” cut to the School District of Amery; and

Whereas, in addition to the year one decrease of \$150 per pupil, Governor Walker’s budget plan also includes no increase in the revenue limit per pupil; and

Whereas, the overall resulting reductions in educational opportunities for public school children in the Amery area will be \$1,164,825 for the 2015-16 school year alone; and

Whereas, although the Governor indicated that school revenues remained essentially flat, his budget plan actually imposes a \$150 (\$127 million statewide) cut in the per-pupil special education categorical aid in the first year of the biennium; and

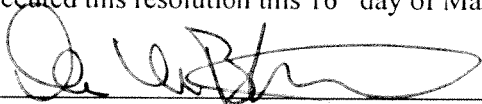
Whereas, this \$150 per-pupil categorical aid was included in the 2014-15 state budget base and was expected in each year of the 2015-17 biennium to minimally keep pace with inflation; and

Whereas, even though the Governor proposes to add about \$142 million (approx. \$165 per pupil) to the per-pupil categorical aid in the second year of the biennium, the net result is a cut of approximately \$135 per pupil (\$112 million) over the biennium; and

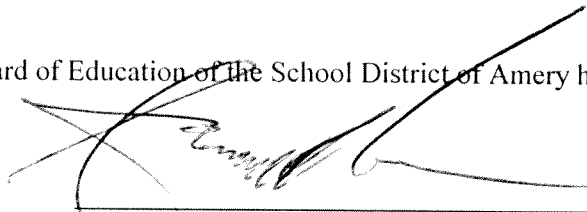
Whereas, in addition to the \$142 million in per-pupil categorical aid in the second year of the budget, the Governor also proposed spending \$211.2 million in increased school levy credits (\$105.6 million in each year) and \$108 million in increased general aid with no corresponding revenue limit increase, this \$319 million results in school funding in name only, simply flowing to taxpayers as property tax relief without allowing the funds to be used for educating public school students,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education of the School District of Amery strongly encourages Governor Walker and members of the State Legislature to restore public school funding in 2015-17 to educationally adequate levels that include no decreases in anticipated revenue while also providing for inflationary revenue increases in each year.


In Witness Whereof, the undersigned members of the Board of Education of the School District of Amery have executed this resolution this 16th day of March, 2015.



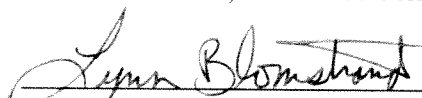
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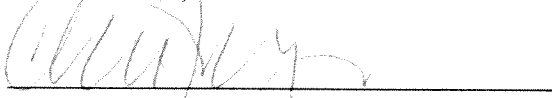
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