



**Resolution 2018-2019-009 SUPPORT FOR INCREASING OREGON PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has one of the largest average class sizes in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has one of the lowest graduation rates in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon has one of the shortest school years in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, strong public schools strengthen the local community and grow the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, students in our public schools face challenging learning conditions due to lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, our educators and our community are doing the best they can for our students given a lack of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, staffing a school with more adults provides increased individual attention for students; and

**WHEREAS**, the social and emotional development of students are important prerequisites to academic learning; and

**WHEREAS**, special education teachers, counselors, school psychologists, social workers and nurses have caseloads that are significantly higher than professional recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for art, music, library, health and physical education are limited and programs have been reduced or cut; and

**WHEREAS**, without change, our students will not succeed to their fullest potential; and

**WHEREAS**, our students can't wait; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon students deserve better, now therefore,

**Be it RESOLVED** that the Reynolds School Board of Directors will support and encourage efforts to sustainably and amply fund Oregon public schools by prioritizing investment in education and finding additional sources of revenue for schools.

Adopted by the Reynolds School Board of Directors this day 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Attest:

  
Valerie Tewksbury, School Board Chair



Dr. Danna Diaz, Superintendent