

RESOLUTION
INCREASE IN THE 2020-21 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, in the 2019 Regular Session the MFP base per pupil increased from \$3,961 to \$4,105 for the 2019-20 school year;

WHEREAS, had the MFP base per pupil been increased each year, since 2008 by the anticipated 2.75%, the 2020-21 MFP would be \$5,195;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Budget anticipates and seeks to fund a 1.375% increase in the base per pupil of 2020-21, raising the base per pupil from \$4,015 to \$4,070;

WHEREAS, this would be the first time in over a decade that the base per pupil in the MFP was increased in two consecutive years;

WHEREAS, the East Carroll School Board has been absorbing ever increasing operational costs, from health insurance, to curriculum to align with new state standards, to increasing demands of the state accountability system, to technology, to security of students, and more recently to protection from cyber-attacks on student and employee data, without consistently increasing state funding;

WHEREAS, the potential increase in the MFP will benefit local school districts in every parish, as well as every public charter school in the state, as well as afford school districts with the ability to continue to strive toward higher teacher and support worker compensation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Carroll School Board supports the proposal to increase the base per pupil funding in the MFP by not less than 1.375%;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Carroll School Board urges BESE to incorporate an increase in the base per pupil of not less than 1.375% in the MFP it recommends to the Legislature;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Carroll School Board urges the Legislature, and in particular the East Carroll Parish Legislative Delegation, to approve an MFP with an increase in the base per pupil of not less than 1.375%;

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Carroll School Board directs the Superintendent to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the East Carroll Parish Legislative delegation, to Chairman/Senator Cleo Fields, Chairman/Representative Ray Garofalo, and Governor John Bel Edwards.

This resolution having been submitted in a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Gene Edmondson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Fairchild	_____	_____	_____	_____

Jacqueline Folks _____
Wanda Jackson _____
John Shoemaker _____

And the resolution was declared adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Secretary

President

NOTARY PUBLIC – SIGNATURE

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ID NO.