

**RESOLUTION OF THE
ELIZABETHTON CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
IN SUPPORT OF BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM HOLD
HARMLESS LEGISLATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a global pandemic that can lead to serious illness or death and spreads through close contact among individuals; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread at a rapid rate in Tennessee and has impacted school districts across the state; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee schools, in order to comply with Tennessee State Board of Education requirements, will likely have to engage in remote learning, in whole or in part, during the 2020-2021 academic school year due to the continued spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee school districts will be implementing different plans for learning from county to county across the state for the 2020-2021 school year, based upon the needs of their students and COVID-19 outbreaks in each county; and

WHEREAS, the Basic Education Program (BEP) is the funding formula through which state education dollars are generated and distributed to Tennessee schools; and

WHEREAS, Student enrollment (average daily membership) is the primary driver of funds generated by the BEP; and there are 47 BEP components, most of which are based on student enrollment; and the funds generated by the BEP are divided into state and local shares for each of the three major categories: instructional, classroom and non-classroom; and

WHEREAS, because of COVID-19, it is likely that many families across the state may remove their students from public schools during the 2020-2021 school year and choose other learning options; and

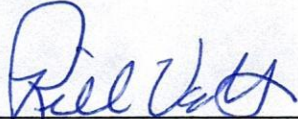
WHEREAS, Tennessee schools may see a decrease in attendance in the 2020-2021 school year as families take precautions to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, holding school districts harmless for enrollment decreases is the top priority of the BEP Review Committee of the Tennessee State Board of Education; and

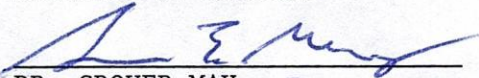
WHEREAS, there is a one-year lag in how enrollment affects BEP funding amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved unanimously by all of the Board Members on this 12th Day of October 2020, that the Elizabethton City School Board:

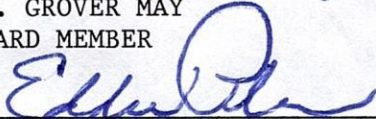
Supports and respectfully requests that BEP funding for the 2021 -2022 school year be based on and equal to or greater than the July Final BEP enrollment allocation provided by the state department for the school year 2020-2021. Also, the Elizabethton City Schools Board of Education requests the BEP allocation amounts provided to districts for the 2021-2022 school year would additionally reflect the growth funds equal to or greater than funds received for the 2019- 2020 school year. Most importantly, BEP allocations should not be negatively impacted based on student ADM of the 2020-2021 school year.



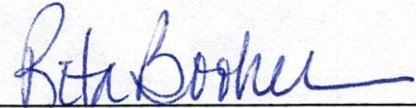
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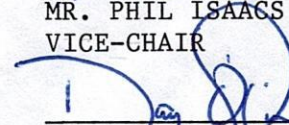
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