

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
GREENEVILLE 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  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2020, that the Greeneville 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 Greeneville 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.

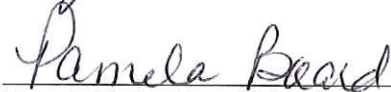
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