



**HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Hold Harmless BEP**

**October 15, 2020**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAYWOOD COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SUPPORT OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICTS BEING HELD HARMLESS REGARDING COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the State of Tennessee has been and continues to be in a state of emergency since March 12, 2020, and Haywood County School System was closed from March 13, 2020 through May 21, 2020, and has delayed its beginning of the 2020- 2021 school year until August 17, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on June 22, 2020, the Tennessee State Board of Education approved Emergency Rule 0520-01-17-.01 which requires Tennessee school districts to provide students in grades one (1) through twelve (12) access to six and one half (6 1/2) hours of instructional time each school day during the 2020-2021 school year, regardless of any school closures or disruptions related to outbreaks of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State Board Emergency Rule 0520-01-17-.01, Tennessee school districts are required to create and implement their own plans to facilitate continuous learning in light of the continued spread of COVID-19, and Tennessee school districts will be implementing different plans for learning for the 2020-2021 school year based upon the needs of their students and the level of outbreaks in each county;

**WHEREAS**, no school district should experience loss of funding or other adverse effects based upon the unprecedented circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic which could result in loss of overall student membership during the 2020-2021 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Haywood County Board of Education assembled on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 that the Board supports and respectfully requests the General Assembly to support holding school districts harmless with respect to the following areas:

**State Funding**

1. (1) 2021-2022 BEP funding, including, but not limited to, a possible reduction in overall student count and in specific categories such as Special Education, English learners, at-risk students, Career and Technical Education, and transportation;

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2. (2) End-of-year testing counting toward teacher, school, or district accountability; and

Federal Funding

1. (1) Reductions in Title, Perkins, IDEA or other Federal funds as a result in possible reduction in overall student membership
2. (2) Reductions in funding for the child nutrition program due to reduced meal participation

Duly passed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Haywood County Board of Education

  
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