

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMPHREYS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
IN SUPPORT OF A 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, 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**, there is a one-year lag in how enrollment affects BEP funding amounts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved unanimously by the Members of the Humphreys County, Tennessee Board of Education, That:

We, individually and collectively, support and respectfully request that the General Assembly and the State Board of education by legislation and/or by rule

authorize BEP funding to not be decreased for the 2021-2022 school year and we request allocation amounts provided to local public school districts for the 2021-2022 school year be equal to or greater than the allocations for the 2020-2021 school year that local public school districts will not be negatively impacted based on student ADM of the 2020-2021 school year.

Adopted: September 10, 2020.

Anthony D. Ross, Member

William G. Daniel, Member

Renée Muha, Member

Brad Crawford, Chairman

Shane Daniel, Vice-Chairman

Larry Smith, Member

Jimmy W. Jones, Member

Attest: Richard Rye, Director of Schools and Secretary of Board