

**RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN 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 academic 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 (3) 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 (1) year lag in how enrollment affects BEP funding amounts; and

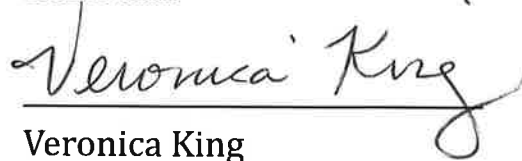
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved unanimously by all of the Board Members on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2020, that the Lincoln County Board of Education:


Supports and respectfully requests that BEP funding will not decrease for the 2021-2022 school year. The Lincoln County Board of Education requests the BEP allocation amounts provided for the 2021-2022 school year be equal to or greater than the allocations for the 2020-2021 school year. The BEP allocations should not be negatively impacted on student ADM of the 2020-2021 school year.

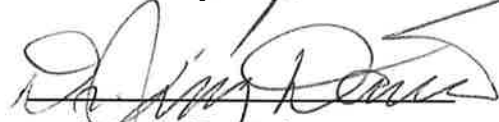
  
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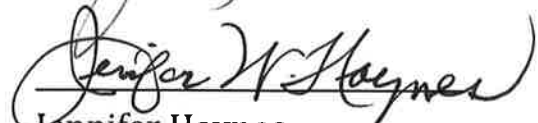
  
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