

**RESOLUTION NO. 09222020 OF THE JACKSON 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 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**, there is a one-year lag in how enrollment affects BEP funding amount:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved unanimously by all of the Board Members on this 22 day of September, 2020 that the Jackson County School Board:

Supports and respectfully requests the BEP funding for the 2021-2022 school year be based on and equal to or great than the July Final BEP enrollment estimates provided by the state department for the school year 2020-2021 school year. Also, the Jackson County School 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 what we received for the 2019-2020 school year. Most importantly, the BEP allocations should not be negatively impacted based on student ADM of the 2020-2021 school year.

**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** By:

Mark Brown, Board Member

Amanda Taylor, Board Member

Michelle Hix, Board Member

Mark Allen, Board Member

Marty Woolbright, Board Member

Kim Denson, Board Member

Adopted and approved this 22 day of September, 2020.

By: Mark Brown  
Board Chair

By: Kristy L Brown  
Kristy L Brown, Director of Schools