



Earlham Community School District

Resolution of Support: Promise of Iowa Public Education Campaign

- WHEREAS, The state's children constitute "The Promise of Iowa" through their potential as our future leaders, citizens, innovators and caretakers of their generation; and
- WHEREAS, We believe funding a strong system of public education is the best investment Iowans can make to strengthen our economy, create thriving communities and improve the quality of life for every Iowan; and
- WHEREAS, Our students face new challenges and opportunities in a changing world, and their public schools are evolving to help students prepare for their future; and
- WHEREAS, We must continue to find ways to close achievement gaps so that Iowa public schools fulfill the ideal of equity and opportunity for all; and we must keep pace with improvements in other states, to ensure our public schools provide our students and state with an advantage; and
- WHEREAS, State policy makers, locally elected school board members, educators and the business community all made a shared commitment in 2013 landmark legislation to ensure the next generation of Iowa students receives a world-class education; and
- WHEREAS, The Legislature has made progress in investing in public education, but in this era of competing priorities and limited resources, state funding has fallen short in meeting the real needs of our students; and
- WHEREAS, The case must be made to the Legislature that Iowa taxpayers and voters support greater investments in our public schools and are willing to commit public resources to ensure every student in our state has a well-rounded curriculum and safe, modern school facilities in each community; and
- WHEREAS, As locally elected citizens entrusted with public education, Iowa school boards must take on the responsibility to tell the story and rally public support and understanding for continued investments in public education that move our state forward.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Earlham Board of Education pledges to join and support the efforts of "The Promise of Iowa" campaign to ensure that Iowa lawmakers continue to prioritize investments to improve the community schools that create opportunities for more than 480,000 public school Iowa students.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 14th day of December 2016.

Signed: Board President: _____