

Resolution in Support of the Wisconsin Voucher Transparency Bill

Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183

WHEREAS, the Appleton Area School District Board, administrators, educators, staff, parents, and community are united in our effort to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Appleton Area School District (AASD) supports local control and the ability of the elected School Board to reach decisions that support the learning of our students; and

WHEREAS, the AASD School Board and community value transparency in government; and

WHEREAS, property tax bills currently show the tax money allocated to public schools and technical colleges, but not the amount diverted to private schools; and


WHEREAS, the School Board levied \$0.66 million in 2015-16, \$0.8 million in 2016-17 and \$1.2 million in 2017-18 to offset reduced state aid due to vouchers; and


WHEREAS, the eligibility of residents for the statewide voucher program continues to increase; and


WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183, the "Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill," would require property tax bills to include information regarding the amount of taxes that have been levied by the School Board to offset the reduced state aid for voucher payments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Appleton Area School District Board calls on Governor Walker, the Wisconsin State Assembly, and the Wisconsin Senate to support the Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill in an effort to be open, honest, and transparent with the taxpayers of the Appleton Area School District.

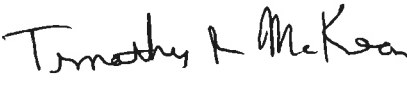
In WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, all being members of the School Board for the AASD, have executed this resolution this 7th day of May, 2018.



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