



HEALTH CARE REFORM RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, health care costs for public employees have skyrocketed leaving elected school board members with the decision between decreasing benefits or cutting programs; and

WHEREAS, resources for an excellent educational experience are at risk as a result of a statewide financial crisis; and

WHEREAS, the budgeting and bargaining processes have become more and more divisive and uncertain due to the challenges Michigan and the United States face; and

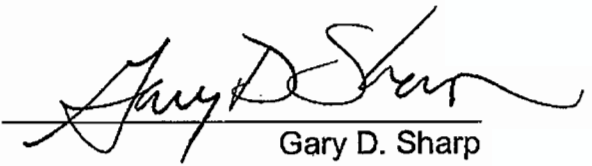
WHEREAS, the time of teachers, administrators and board members would be better spent on school improvement and the learning environment; and

WHEREAS, our state stands ready to take on the challenges ahead to ensure that our students are prepared to lead in the new global economy; and

WHEREAS, we need long-term solutions that represent true structural reform to ensure high quality education and state services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmington Board of Education does hereby support the investigation and exploration of a statewide health insurance benefit pool for all public employees that results in substantial financial savings and fair and quality benefits for the dedicated individuals who serve our schools, local governments and the State of Michigan.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2009


Gary D. Sharp
Secretary