

# *Westwood Community School District*

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Ernando F. Minghine, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

September 18, 2009

The Honorable Andy Dillon  
Speaker of the House  
Anderson House Office Building  
124 North Capital  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Speaker Dillon:

Attached is the Resolution in Support of your Statewide Health Insurance Initiative adopted by the Westwood Board of Education at its regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2009.

Thank you in your efforts in making a difference for "Kids." If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Ernando F. Minghine,  
Superintendent

cc: Ms. Kathy Hayes, Executive Director  
Michigan Association of School Boards  
Superintendent Chris Wigent, Wayne RESA

**RESOLUTION REGARDING STATEWIDE HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL**

**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 Board of Trustees of the Westwood Community School District 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.



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Sandra L. Rich, President



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Timothy T. Emery, Secretary

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