

TOWN OF MUNSTER

RESOLUTION 1994

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECALIBRATION
OF THE STATE'S SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA**

Whereas, Our local public schools are a significant source of quality of life, community spirit, and economic attraction; and

Whereas, Quality local public schools are of huge importance to business and home values, community safety, and workforce preparedness; and

Whereas, Our local public schools' General Fund is among the lowest funded on a per pupil basis in the entire state; and

Whereas, The state's school funding formula has left behind school communities like ours that are the first versions of school choice in Indiana; and

Whereas, Only legislative change to the funding formula can save our local residents from receiving an outlier-low share of the state funding formula to which they contribute through sales and income taxes; and

Whereas, Only change of the legislated funding formula can supply local per pupil funding at or near average levels for the state of Indiana without double (referendum) taxation foisted upon local business and residential taxpayers; and

Whereas, Only change to the legislated school funding formula can stem the tide of higher class sizes and loss of programs due to teacher and other layoffs which are not seen in school communities where per pupil funding is inequitably higher than the state average; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Town Council of the Town of Munster hereby expresses its support for a legislated recalibration of the state's school funding formula to serve our local students on par with other Indiana school children without the necessity of a "pay-twice- or-perish" system of forcing a choice between recurrent class size elevation and program loss or serial double taxation through operating referenda. This is bad for children and bad for business. Enough is enough.

Adopted and Resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Munster this twenty-second day of September, 2014, by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**
By

John P. Reed, President

Attest: _____
David F. Shafer, IAMC, MMC, CMO
Clerk-Treasurer