

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
IN SUPPORT OF ADEQUATE
STATE FUNDING FOR
PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education (“the Board”) is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the State Board of Education and local school boards, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been supportive of these nationally recognized, more rigorous standards and measures, and has been a leader in implementing the changes required for these more rigorous standards and measures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is currently ranked 49th in per pupil spending by the United States Census Bureau, and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that continued student achievement under these more rigorous standards and measures is not sustainable with the level of resources reflected in the Census Bureau report; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has never fully funded BEP 2.0 since it became law in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the State’s own BEP Review Committee has repeatedly determined that the State has failed to address BEP funding inadequacies, and the Committee noted in its 2013 Annual Report that the estimated cost of remedying these inadequacies statewide would be over a billion dollars per year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby requests that the Governor and the Tennessee General Assembly adequately fund public education in a way that is commensurate with the more rigorous standards and measures that have been implemented by local education agencies.

Board Chair **Date**

Approved as to form and correctness:

Director of Law **Date**

Witness:

Notary Public **Date**

Commission Expiration:_____