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## **LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING RESOLUTION**

***Whereas***, since 2009, State General Revenue Funds for elementary and secondary education have decreased by approximately \$715 million; and

***Whereas***, General State Aid has been funded at a proration of 89% of the per pupil foundation level; and

***Whereas***, the mandated categorical grant for transportation reimbursement has not been fully funded since Fiscal Year 2010; and

***Whereas*** 62% of public school districts were in deficit spending in Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 32% in Fiscal Year 2008; and

***Whereas***, if the current income tax rates for individuals and corporations expire on January 1, 2015, funding for elementary and secondary education is expected to be reduced by \$967 million increasing the amount of General State Aid proration to 65%; and

***Whereas*** school district **Geneseo Community Unit School District #228** has reduced education fund spending by nearly \$1,000,000 over the past five (5) years; and

***Whereas*** continued cuts in education funding would be detrimental to the education and welfare of Illinois' students; and

***Whereas*** during this time of multiple education budget cuts even more unfunded mandates have been placed on local school districts; and

***Whereas***, in the legislature, there are several proposals relating to the extension of the current income tax rates, the broadening of the sales tax base, graduated income taxation, and other proposals to stop the continued decrease in public education budgets;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that **Geneseo Community Unit School District #228** strongly urges the Illinois General Assembly to approve legislation that prioritizes education spending and identifies stable, reliable, and predictable revenue sources for public education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that **Geneseo Community Unit School District #228** strongly urges the Illinois General Assembly to refrain from placing additional unfunded mandates on school districts and to allow for flexibility and relief from current unfunded mandates.

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**Board President**

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**Board Vice President**

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