



**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Piedmont Board of Education's sole mission is the proper education of those students enrolled in the Piedmont School District;

WHEREAS the Piedmont Board of Education supports its classroom teachers and the work they do educating the children of our school;

WHEREAS Oklahoma leads the nation in the deepest cuts to public education per student since 2008;

WHEREAS Oklahoma's teacher pay is the lowest in the nation;

WHEREAS the education of our children should be the highest priority of the Legislature and the Governor;

WHEREAS the lack of funding, lack of an increase in teacher pay, and lack of action by the Legislature has now reached a crisis level in Oklahoma;

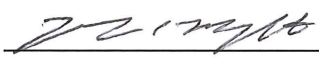
WHEREAS surrounding states are luring Oklahoma teachers to work in their schools with much higher salaries, causing all Oklahoma schools to increasingly resort to the hiring of emergency certified teachers and long term substitutes, neither of which are in the best interests of the students of the Piedmont School District;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Piedmont Board of Education strongly supports a salary increase for its teachers to a competitive salary level with surrounding states, strongly supports increased funding for all public school districts in Oklahoma, and strongly encourages the Oklahoma Legislature and the Governor to find a dedicated revenue source to fund both. If it becomes necessary for a suspension of school, we, as a District, fully support our teachers and support staff.

Adopted this 12 day of March, 2018.

  
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Board President

ATTEST:

  
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Board Clerk