

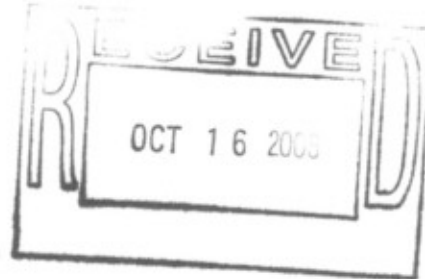
# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Governor Jennifer Granholm  
State Representative Tom Meyer  
State Senator Jim Barcia  
Michigan Association of Counties



FROM: Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

DATE: October 12, 2006

RE: **Support of Michigan Association of Counties Resolution  
in Opposition to the K-16 Spending Mandate**

Please find attached a resolution put together by the Michigan Association of Counties that **opposes the K-16 spending mandate which would guarantee an educational inflationary increase to Michigan schools.**

The Tuscola County Board of Commissioners supported this resolution at its Full Board meeting held on October 10, 2006.



**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO THE K-16 SPENDING MANDATE**

**WHEREAS,** The Michigan Association of Counties is opposed to a guaranteed educational inflationary increase that would prevent counties from funding critical mandated services, and

**WHEREAS,** the *American School Board Journal* released their "Educational Vital Signs" report indicating that the state of Michigan ranks second only to Vermont in amount of state budget dedicated to education, with 31.5%, while the national average is 21.7%; and

**WHEREAS,** the national average teacher's salary is \$45,771, in Michigan the average is much higher, at \$54,000, which is second only to California at \$55,698; and

**WHEREAS,** the same report ranked Michigan 7<sup>th</sup> for dedication of administrative funding per pupil, but No. 1 outside of the Eastern Seaboard and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** the Michigan Association of Counties is very supportive of fair funding for educational resources for Michigan's students as a means for a thriving quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** the Michigan Association of Counties is equally supportive of fair funding of critical emergency, local public health and public safety programs for Michigan's citizens as a means for a thriving quality of life as well; and

**WHEREAS,** the State Legislature and Governor are obligated to provide funding for Michigan's counties are to come back into revenue sharing beginning in F.Y. 2008, as part of a means for counties to provide these **state mandated** critical services; and

**WHEREAS,** if the K-16 spending mandate is passed will cost Michigan over \$1 billion dollars, with annual inflationary increases, that will surely cut into funding for revenue sharing, Medicaid, and other critical services counties and Michigan's citizens depend upon; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that Michigan's counties need to oppose the K-16 spending mandate in order to continue to provide the critical mandated services which the state requires, and that citizen's depend upon; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Legislature and Governor for their review.