

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Constitution guarantees to school children of this state the right to a free public education; and

WHEREAS, all public school children should be afforded substantially equitable educational opportunities regardless of their place of residence in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, stable and adequate public funding is essential to the development and maintenance of an effective educational system throughout Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of public education funding is to provide adequate financial resources and support to each school district to provide the opportunity for a meaningful and enriching education to all students to enable them to function as productive citizens in the 21st Century and to accomplish other essential basic educational objectives required for students to grow and develop into productive adults in an increasingly global society; and

WHEREAS, the goal, determination, commitment and responsibility of this Commission is to provide the local financial resources and support required to afford the opportunity for an excellent education program in the City of Memphis and Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to request the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact appropriate legislation prior to the commencement of the next school year to more fully enable Shelby County to provide for stable and adequate local funding to both school districts in Shelby County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL hereby requests the members of the Tennessee General Assembly enact legislation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, amending Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to education funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Legislative Delegation and members of the Tennessee General Assembly be made aware of this request by copy of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring the same.