Sample Resolution in support of the PA school funding litigation for fair funding. The resolutions can be proposed to municipalities including cities, school boards, Home and School/PTO organizations, community & civic organizations.

A resolution supporting the families of individual children, the school districts, the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools, and the PA NAACP State Conference in their suit to enforce Pennsylvania's constitutional guarantee of "a thorough and efficient system of public education," and urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to provide a fair, adequate and predictable formula that is based on meeting the learning needs of children, the educational programs that provide for children to meet state standards and that reflects the Commonwealth's values.

WHEREAS, Section Fourteen of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania states that "The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has defined what a thorough education is by identifying educational standards (the standards used in PSSA and Keystone Exams) that all PA students are expected to meet; and

WHEREAS, the state has failed to meet those funding targets or to otherwise ensure that all of Pennsylvania's public school students have access to the resources they will need to meet state standards; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of such inadequate funding nearly 70% of the districts in the state have at least one school where more than 30% of the students are unable to meet state proficiency standards; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is one of only three states in the United States of America without an objective and transparent formula to distribute education funding; and

WHEREAS, the current way school funding works in PA results in grossly different amounts of money spent on children in different districts, with much less money spent on children in low wealth districts; and

WHEREAS, This irrational funding disparity violates the Equal Protection Clause of our state constitution because children in low-wealth districts are being denied the opportunity to receive an adequate education, while their peers in high-wealth districts are receiving a high quality education; and

WHEREAS, This irrational and inadequate funding structure has wreaked havoc on school districts across Pennsylvania and had a devastating impact on students, who have been deprived of integral elements of their education, such as appropriate class sizes, adequate facilities, experienced and effective teachers, nurses, counselors, administrative and support staff, and adequate course offerings and materials; and

WHEREAS, These adverse effects can be acutely felt here in District, where our school board has and	(insert name) School (insert impacts of cuts here);
WHEREAS, When the state fails to adequately fund education it puts responsibility on local taxpayers; now, therefore be it	and unfair and undue
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FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to t Secretary of Education and to state legislators who represent our sch	
If your organization passes a resolution in support of the school funding law information as follows:	suit, please make sure to share this
 Send a copy of the resolution to your state senators and representatives, Send a copy of the resolution to your local newspaper along with an explanand 	nation of why your group passed it ,
• Finally, please make sure to send a copy of your resolution to Susan Spicka	a at <u>sspicka@educationvoterspa.org</u>

so that we can create and share a list of organizations throughout PA that have passed resolutions.