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**A Resolution  
By the Florida State Board of Education**

WHEREAS, the education reforms adopted in Florida over the past 15 years have resulted in historic gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, last year Florida ranked 7th in student achievement out of 50 states, according to “Quality Counts,” Education Week’s annual report on state-level efforts to improve public education; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Florida was the only state to narrow the achievement gap between white and African-American students in both 4th and 8th grades in both reading and mathematics on the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and

WHEREAS, education funding in Florida is allocated to maximize student learning and to promote teacher quality; and

WHEREAS, school districts have when necessary reduced spending and developed streamlined practices to maximize resources for the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to ensuring that Florida’s students continue to be prepared for successful futures as part of a world-class workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to send a clear and strong message that the 2015-2016 State Budget represents an historic opportunity for the Florida Legislature to build upon our state’s exemplary student achievement and propel Florida’s education system to the “next level.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the members of the Florida State Board of Education hereby urge the Florida Legislature to increase per student funding to the highest level in Florida’s history thereby making an unprecedented investment in Florida’s families’ futures.

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