

League of Women Voters of Hudson Resolution
Effects of HB 64 on the Hudson City School District

Board of League of Women Voters of Hudson

LWVH Board Members: Kathy Cybulski President, Bev Dorson Vice President, Diana Kunze Secretary, Marcia Boote Treasurer, Maria Palma Director, Louise Nahas Director, Barbara Luekart Director and Karen Leith Director.

Re: Governor Kasich's "Blueprint for a New Ohio", Biennial Budget 2016-2017, HB 64, and its effects on the Hudson City School District.

Whereas, through LWVH's two District studies over the past 17 years, formulating standing positions that support local District funding, subscribing to LWVO Education Updates and Positions on Education Funding including Amicus briefs for the DeRolph lawsuit, we are well equipped to determine support for the Hudson District's resolution and rationale.

Whereas, consistent LWVH Observer Corps observations of the Hudson Board of Education have shown transparency and accountability in all District reporting, audits and Five Year Forecast and note their inclusion of citizen appointments to the District Finance Committee.

Whereas, the Hudson Board of Education has reduced costs and operates the District in the black while meeting all of the state's mandates through staff concessions and right sizing, competitive contract bidding and buying consortiums, and using separate PIF levied funds to keep the facilities, grounds and transportation in safe operating order, all while maintaining high academic standards.

Whereas, the past five biennial budgets have presented five different funding formulas leading to unpredictability for long term financial planning; the District's state funding share has been cut in half since 2007; Hudson property owners continue to bear the majority of District operating funds through local property taxation all the while the state shifts more taxation to local school districts with continued required mandates.

Now, therefore be it resolved that, the Board of League of Women Voters of Hudson joins the Hudson City School District Board of Education (see attached BOE resolution) in requesting that Governor Kasich, Ohio House and Ohio Senate members not penalize a high achieving, fiscally responsible District like Hudson City Schools. We request that funding is not cut from their current state share. Current state funding must be maintained for the Hudson City School District in the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget.