Proposed Resolution Submission Form

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☑ **This resolution is submitted with approval by the school board.**
Please provide the date on which the authoring school board approved submission of this resolution. August 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, MSBA URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO (please clearly and concisely state the action you would like the legislature to take): Immediately provide full funding ($169 per pupil in State Aid, and the ability to levy local taxpayers for an additional $91 per pupil) to all public school districts currently on the waitlist for QComp (Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System). In future years, provide full funding to all school districts that may apply to this program.
Click or tap here to enter text.

DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM:
Since the 2016-17 school year, the Minnesota Department of Education has not approved new school districts to receive revenue. Currently there are 27 school districts on the wait list to receive this critical categorical funding in our schools. State funding for QComp has been capped at a finite amount for an extended period of time.. There is currently an arbitrary 'cut off line' whereby districts that applied sooner than other districts received funding, and those, like Shakopee Public Schools, and the 26 additional districts, that applied later only to end up below the arbitrary cut off line and receive no funding.

Current QComp Waiting List

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Q Comp Waiting List

1. LoveWorks Academy
2. Willmar
3. White Bear Lake
4. Rochester Beacon Academy
5. Parnassus Prep
6. Arts and Science Academy
7. Success Academy
8. STEP Academy
9. Universal Academy
10. Lake Park Audubon
11. Great River School
12. Intermediate 287
13. Shakopee
14. Runestone Ed District
15. Fisher
16. Breckenridge
17. Elk River
18. Eden Valley-Watkins
19. Lake City
20. Prodeo Academy
21. Kasson-Mantorville
22. Cambridge-Isanti
23. Red Wing
24. Jane Goodall Environmental Sciences Academy
25. Monticello
26. Innovations Academy
27. Bluffview Montessori School

EXPLAIN WHY THIS IS A PROBLEM:

Without this funding, school districts are having a hard time staying competitive with other comparable districts. Districts on this waitlist are not able to support the development of their teachers like other districts with this funding which is resulting in losing them to other districts. This results in a reduction of money available to pay our teachers as they progress down their career path. Ultimately, teachers leave the district for more pay elsewhere or just leave the profession altogether.

The lack of funding for this program has made it inequitable. In a time where teachers are leaving the profession, we need to put forth the funding to keep teachers in the profession.

In Shakopee, if we would have received this funding since our application was submitted 8 years ago, our contract negotiations with the local Shakopee Education Association would have been completed more swiftly, specifically with the last contract. If Shakopee would have received this fund for the past 8 years, it would have provided approximately $14 million in additional funding to support our teachers.

PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- Comparable Districts– all eleven receive QComp funding…

ADDITIONAL REVENUE COMPARISON					
For comparisons, all other districts have the same number of students as Shakopee in spreadsheet below.....					
District	Operating Levy $ Per Pupil	Operating Levy Annual Revenue	QComp Annual Revenue	TOTAL Annual Revenue	Total Revenue Difference vs. Shakopee
Minnetonka	$2,331	$19,188,792	$1,995,500	$21,184,292	$10,169,876
Burnsville	$2,287	$18,826,584	$1,995,500	$20,822,084	$9,807,668
Hopkins	$2,256	$18,571,392	$1,995,500	$20,566,892	$9,552,476
Edina	$2,197	$18,085,704	$1,995,500	$20,081,204	$9,066,788
Bloomington	$2,157	$17,756,424	$1,995,500	$19,751,924	$8,737,508
Eden Prairie	$2,129	$17,525,928	$1,995,500	$19,521,428	$8,507,012
196	$1,886	$15,525,552	$1,995,500	$17,521,052	$6,506,636
Lakeville	$1,771	$14,578,872	$1,995,500	$16,574,372	$5,559,956
Eastern Carver	$1,561	$12,850,152	$1,995,500	$14,845,652	$3,831,236
Shakopee w/QComp	$1,338	$11,014,416	$1,995,500	$13,009,916	$1,995,500
Shakopee	$1,338	$11,014,416	$0	$11,014,416	$0
Farmington	$677	$5,573,064	$1,995,500	$7,568,564	-$3,445,852
Prior Lake	$624	$5,136,768	$1,995,500	$7,132,268	-$3,882,148

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