

**CITY OF FERNDALE**  
**RESOLUTION 2009 –**  
**OPPOSING SCHOOL FUNDING CUTS**

At a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 300 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale MI 48220 on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

The following resolution was moved by Council Member, and seconded by Council Member:

It is clearly recognized by the Ferndale City Council that one of the essential keys to a successful community is successful schools; and

When local schools are faced with serious difficulties the City also suffers; and

In October the State legislature reduced school funding by \$165 per student, and the Governor is now considering a further reduction of \$127 per student; and

Combined, the cuts represent a 4% reduction from the minimum of \$7,316 per student allocated by the state last fiscal year; and

In Ferndale the initial \$165 cut in per-pupil funding reduced the Ferndale Schools' 2009-10 budget by approximately \$660,000, and the second cut of \$127 per-pupil will bring the Ferndale Schools' total loss to more than \$1.2-million, or 3% of the total budget.

This endangers the very programs that have helped to make Ferndale a great place to live and puts our children's education at great risk.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Ferndale City Council proclaims support for our local school leaders, staff, parents and students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Ferndale City Council encourages our lawmakers to forge a spirit of compromise that is currently lacking in Lansing in order to raise the \$264-million needed to restore the imbalance in the School Aid Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Ferndale City Council calls for our legislators to balance the budget in a way that doesn't jeopardize our children and to find a permanent revenue solution.

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
RESOLUTION

I, J. Cherilynn Tallman, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ferndale at a meeting held on December 28, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

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J. Cherilynn Tallman, City Clerk