

SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOLS RESOLUTION TO TAKE BACK LOCAL CONTROL

Whereas, Article VI of the Ohio Constitution requires the State...to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the State...; and,

Whereas, Section 3313.21 of the Ohio Revised Code states in part that "The board of education of each school district shall be the sole authority in determining and selecting ...academic curriculum"; and,

Whereas, locally controlled public education with governmental support is valued over public education dominated by governmental regulations; and,

Whereas the current State assessment model is counter to the desires of local communities as demonstrated in surveys; and,

Whereas instructional, assessment, and curricular decisions should be made by the local school district, administrators, and classroom professionals who best understand the needs of their students; and,

Whereas the Springfield Local Schools Board of Education believes that not only are the funding, mandates, and assessment models currently in vogue a drain on the district resources, but serve little, if any academic benefit to our local students;


Now therefore, be it resolved that the Springfield Local School District expresses its opposition to all current and future legislation that serves to further erode the fundamental principle of local control;

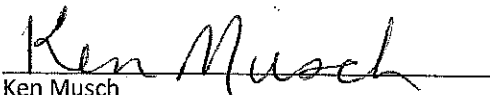
And be it further resolved that the district encourages the State to adopt actions that reward high performing districts and do not punish successful communities;

And be it further resolved that the district advocates the immediate pause of all State mandated assessment and accountability models until a complete study of the cost, relevancy, accuracy, and validity of such programs is complete and approved by local school boards.


Signed this 8th day of July, 2015.

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