

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY,  
MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
AND CITY OF STUART COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION 18-004**

**RESOLUTION 2018 MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING NEEDS**

**STATEWIDE**

**WHEREAS**, a functional and effective public education system is vital to the growth and development of students and families as well as an integral part of a successful community as a whole; and,

**WHEREAS**, the FEFP (Florida Education Finance Program) created in 1973 for K-12 public education was to provide funding equity regardless of county location or economic factors; and,

**WHEREAS**, public school operational funding is comprised of three basic components: Base Student Allocation, Categoricals, and Discretionary Local Effort; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Base Student Allocation (BSA) in 2007-08 was \$4,163.47, with 2017-18 being the first time in the last decade that the BSA has returned to that level growing 0.0097% to \$4,203.95; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Categoricals – like Transportation, Instructional Materials, or Safe Schools – never provide enough funding to cover the mandated expenditure, explaining why these are referred to as underfunded mandates; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Discretionary Local Effort is the 0.748 mills that is applied to an individual County's tax roll. This is the portion that is tied to local property values; and,

**WHEREAS**, the new \$98 million Categorical allocation for Safe School Officers computes to \$35 per student or less than 20 cents per student per day; and,

**MARTIN COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, since 2007-08, we have experienced a ten year cumulative loss in purchasing power of \$12,419 per student (which computes to approximately \$223 million); and,

**WHEREAS**, the mandate for Safe School Officers, after our portion of the Categorical money and a contribution by our local sheriff will create a 290% increase in spending for that mandate alone; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Discretionary Local Effort contributes \$16 million or less than \$1,000 per student to the maximum allowable funding, which computes to 11% of the total operational funding with a correlation to local conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, without additional operating revenue, the Martin County School District is facing a revenue shortfall that will require identifying significant budget cuts requiring the elimination of numerous academic programs and positions; and,

**WHEREAS**, sufficient funding is needed for school safety and security, mental health programs, recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers, professional development for teachers and staff and academic initiatives.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Martin County School Board, Martin County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Stuart Commissioners:

We fully endorse and support the following solutions for action by our State Legislators and Governor:

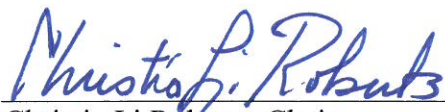
1. Fully fund any new mandates, without transferring money from Base Student Allocation or Discretionary Local Effort.
2. Allow local School Boards the option to double the Discretionary Local Effort to 1.496 mills.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED at a public meeting this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

Attest:

  
Laurie J. Gaylord, Superintendent and  
Ex officio to the School Board

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MARTIN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Christia Li Roberts, Chair

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED at a public meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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Carolyn Timmann, Clerk of the  
Circuit Court and Comptroller

THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MARTIN  
COUNTY, FLORIDA

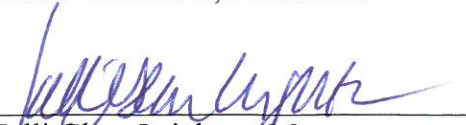
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward V. Ciampi, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: \_\_\_\_\_, Sarah Woods, County Attorney  
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED at a public meeting this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.

Attest:

  
Interim City Manager, David Dyess

THE CITY OF STUART COMMISSIONERS,  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Kelli Glass Leighton, Mayor