The Illinois State Board of Education recognizes the financial crisis that confronts our state and the limited funds currently available to support K-12 school districts.

The Illinois State Board of Education recognizes the harmful effect that the state’s underfunding of K-12 education and the resulting proration of General State Aid payments has on school districts, particularly impoverished school districts with little local wealth and large concentrations of low-income students that rely most heavily on state financial support.

The Illinois State Board of Education also recognizes the challenges school districts confront as state, local and federal financial support diminishes while expectations climb for students, educators and schools.

For these reasons, the Illinois State Board of Education resolves to work with the General Assembly to support the full funding of K-12 education and provide an adequate public education to every student statewide. However, if the state continues to underfund K-12 education, then the Illinois State Board of Education resolves to collaborate with the General Assembly to develop alternative strategies for Fiscal Year 2015 that could serve to more equitably spread budget reductions among school districts and minimize adverse impacts to those in distress.

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