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BACKFILL RESOLUTION

Whereas: When the Iowa Legislature decided to cut commercial property taxes in 2013, that decision which reduced income to Iowa's cities, counties, school districts and other local governments.

Whereas: The Legislature agreed to replace those lost dollars with state dollars. That decision protected communities from a cut in services or forcing an increase in property taxes. This replacement of the local income lost due to the legislature's decision is known as the "backfill."

Whereas, leaders of the Iowa House and Senate have said they plan to eliminate the backfill, beginning with the 2018-2019 budget year.

Whereas: Many local school districts have already certified their budgets.

Whereas: the New Hampton Community School District would lose a total of \$88,986 if the backfill is eliminated, forcing cuts in essential services such as public safety and resulting in local property tax increases.

Be it therefore enacted:

That the New Hampton Community School District is opposed to any reduction in the backfill for the 2018-2019 backfill and that this opposition should be communicated to the Iowa Legislature and to Governor Reynolds.

And that the New Hampton Community School District believes that changes to the backfill should be decided with the participation of local governmental leaders, with adequate notice, and that every effort be made to avoid local property tax increases.

Approved by the New Hampton Community School District Board of Directors on April 10, 2018.

SIGNED:

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

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"The mission of the New Hampton Community School District is to empower all students to succeed in a changing world"