

RESOLUTION OF ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution Calling for a Ceasefire in Gaza

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, County of Washtenaw, Michigan held at **3700 Earhart Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan**, on the **20th day of December, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by member _____.

PRESENT: Members: _____

ABSENT: Members: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Public Schools District is committed to establishing learning environments that are physically, socially, and emotionally safe for all students and to cultivating a climate in our schools and community that is welcoming and inclusive for all people; and,

WHEREAS, the ongoing conflict in Gaza has led to significant loss of life and suffering, affecting the global community, including students and families within our district; and

WHEREAS, it is important for educational institutions to acknowledge global events and their impact on students, staff, and families, especially those from affected regions; and

WHEREAS, the rise of hate speech, including Islamophobia and antisemitism, in discourse surrounding the conflict is contrary to the values of the Ann Arbor School District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education

- Expresses support for a ceasefire in Gaza. The Board, understanding its limited role in international affairs, nonetheless expresses its support for a ceasefire in Gaza, emphasizing the importance of protecting human lives and seeking peaceful resolutions to conflicts;
- Condemns hate speech and discrimination. The Board firmly condemns any form of hate

speech, including Islamophobia and antisemitism, and other unjust language, especially those related to the conflict in Israel and Gaza:

- Encourages educational dialogue. The Board encourages educators within the Ann Arbor School District to facilitate informed and respectful dialogue about the conflict, aiming to foster a deeper understanding among students and staff, and to combat misinformation and prejudice:
- Reaffirms commitment to diversity and inclusion: The Board reaffirms its commitment to creating an inclusive educational environment that respects and values diversity, and that actively promotes peace, understanding, and mutual respect among all members of the school community
- Directs the Executive Assistant of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education to transmit copies of this resolution to:

Governor, State of Michigan
 All Michigan State Senators and Representatives
 State Superintendent (Michigan)
 All members of the State Board of Education (Michigan)
 President, Michigan Association of School Boards
 President, Michigan Association of School Administrators
 President, Michigan Education Association
 All local city and county government officials
 Local print, voice, and internet media

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Resolution declared adopted.

 Susan Baskett, Secretary
 AAPS Board of Education

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on December 20, 2023, and that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.

Susan Baskett, Secretary
AAPS Board of Education