

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 15, 2012
RESOLUTION 2012-27**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF WILLOW RUN
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF YPSILANTI**

WHEREAS, public education is a fundamental right of every child in our community and is of the utmost importance to the health, well being, vibrancy and prosperity of our township; and

WHEREAS, students should have a quality education that prepares them to lead successful and productive lives; and

WHEREAS Willow Run Community Schools and the School District of Ypsilanti are deficit districts and they are experiencing severe economic challenges which impacts academic programs; and

WHEREAS each district is faced with significant achievement deficiencies with many students unprepared to succeed in college and careers; and

WHEREAS the boards of education have voted to place the question of consolidation on the November 6, 2012 ballot; and

WHEREAS the state of Michigan has provided funding incentives for consolidation of districts; and

WHEREAS the state superintendent of instruction has pledged his assistance in extending the repayment period for the accumulated deficit; and

WHEREAS, the unification of these two districts represents a unique opportunity to create a "cradle to career" educational model that is designed to ensure a strong and successful public education system; and

WHEREAS, the two ballot proposals, if approved, will maintain the current level of taxes; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Superior Township Board of Trustees would support the effort to consolidate the two districts with the expectation that: 1.) the new school district will be managed in a fiscally responsible manner; 2.) the new school district will operate on a balanced budget every year which includes adequate payments to debt; 3.) the new school district will not be allowed to add any new debt to either operating, infrastructure or capital improvements without approval of the voters of the new district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this support includes the second proposal on the ballot which allows the new district to levy the non-homestead mills as currently levied by the independent districts in order to receive full funding on a per student basis.

CERTIFICATION

I, David Phillips, the duly qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Superior Charter Township Board held on October 15, 2012 and that public notices of said meeting were given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David M. Phillips".

David Phillips, Superior Township Clerk