

Christina School District Board of Education
Resolution in Support of the Investment in the
City of Wilmington Education Initiatives

Whereas, the Christina School District Board of Education, the Superintendent for the Christina School District, the Christina Education Association, the Delaware Department of Education, and the Office of the Governor John C. Carney entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective March 8, 2018 for the expressed purpose of improving educational, social, emotional, and health outcomes of the children and families of Wilmington; and

Whereas said MOU indicated the State would request the General Assembly provide \$15 million for capital improvements at Bancroft and Bayard Schools, in addition to \$2 Million for capital improvements for the conversion of Stubbs Elementary School to Stubbs Early Education and Adult Services Center; and

Whereas House Bill No. 475 (Fiscal Year 2019 Bond Bill), provided \$17.5 Million; and

Whereas all parties recognize the amounts allocated were not sufficient to provide for complete renovation and conversion of the Bancroft School, the Bayard School and the Stubbs Early Education and Adult Services Center; and

Whereas Senate Bill No. 180 (Fiscal Year 2020 Bond Bill), provided an additional \$12.1 Million for continuing renovations at all three facilities; and

Whereas Senate Bill No. 180 provided that funds appropriated in Section 1 Addendum of 81 Del. Laws c. 303 for City of Wilmington Education Initiatives shall be used for the renovation at Bancroft Bayard and Stubbs as part of the reconfiguring and consolidating City of Wilmington schools in the Christina School District; and

Whereas both House Bill No. 475 and Senate Bill No. 180 contained language obligating the Christina School District to provide a maximum local share of 20 percent of the full cost of renovations; and

Whereas the Office of Management and Budget and the Controller General's Office have informed the District that the costs of conversion and renovation at the three buildings will be funded with 100% State Funds; now

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Christina School District Board of Education fully supports the continued funding by the State for the conversion and renovation of the three Wilmington Schools, and accepts the supplemental \$12.1 Million, further recognizing additional capital funds will still be required.

x Meredith L. Goff President: Christina School Board

x Keeley Powell Vice-President: Christina School Board