

**Verdigris Public Schools
Board of Education
Resolution to Support Teachers and Children**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education supports public school teachers and the work that they do educating the children of our school district;

WHEREAS the Board of Education recognizes the underfunding of public school education and continued budget reductions for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education realizes the consequences of this chronic underfunding, resulting in a reduction of teachers and programs, teacher shortages, reduction of qualified teacher applicant pools, higher student to teacher ratios, reduction in vital ancillary staff and services at each of its school sites and administrative offices; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has supported and worked for solutions to fund common education and teacher pay only to see legislation after legislation fail to address this crisis; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education on behalf of the students and families is not willing to allow this crisis to continue through another legislative session, we support our classroom teachers to demand the necessary funding to common education including a meaningful pay increase for teachers; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education is confident that our great community will support the sacrifices necessary while our teachers advocate for our children to secure the educational future of Oklahoma.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby encourages the Oklahoma Legislature to work urgently on behalf of the children and families in our state to take swift and meaningful action to develop a plan that includes a dedicated source of revenue that can be utilized to fund a much needed, reoccurring salary increase that will be provided to public school teachers in Oklahoma and address the needs of common education funding now and into the future.

Resolved this 12th day of March 2018.