



March 18, 2009

Mr. Larry Steckelberg, Legislative Liaison  
Michigan Department of Treasury  
Richard H. Austin State Office Building  
430 W. Allegan Street  
Lansing, MI 48922

Dear Mr. Steckelberg:

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution adopted by the MAISD Board of Education on Monday, February 16, declaring our intention to establish a Promise Zone under the Michigan Promise Zone Act. Also enclosed are copies of the Public Hearing Ad printed in The Muskegon Chronicle on January 25 and 26.

Please contact me at 231-767-7201 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Meston, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROMISE ZONE**  
***Muskegon Area Intermediate School District***

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District was held in the Board Room, in said district, on the 16th day of February, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04, p.m., by Ed Garner, Board Secretary

Present: Members Ed Garner, Donna Fiebelkorn, and Dwight Vines

Absent: Members Peggy E. Scouten and John Swanson

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Dwight Vines and supported by Member Donna Fiebelkorn:

**WHEREAS**, This Board of Education determines it is necessary for the best interests of the public to promote access to postsecondary education;

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Promise Zone Act proposes financial assistance for students in the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District meeting the eligibility requirements;

**WHEREAS**, The Promise Zone would allow capture of one-half of the growth in the state education tax to support local efforts to promise a college education to K-12 students who reside in the zone. The education promise would include funding for a two-year associate's degree for students who live in the zone but could also be for up to a four-year degree;

**WHEREAS**, The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District meets the Eligible Entity requirements by exceeding the state average poverty level for families with children under age 18; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Education has adhered to notice and posting requirements for this hearing; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Education declares its intention to establish a Promise Zone under the Michigan Promise Zone Act.

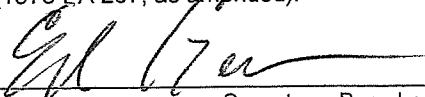
Ayes: Members Ed Garner, Donna Fiebelkorn and Dwight Vines

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Muskegon Area Intermediate School District, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Education at a regular meeting held on Feb. 16, 2009, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (1976 PA 267, as amended).

  
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Secretary, Board of Education