



City School District of Albany Board of Education Resolution in Opposition to Nominee Betsy DeVos for U.S. Secretary of Education and in Support of Public Education

WHEREAS,

The City School District of Albany Board of Education ("the Board") has been elected by the residents of the City of Albany (N.Y.), to, among other things, determine policy and approve programming for all students of the District, within the confines of both federal and state statutes governing education, and the responsibility of fulfilling those obligations transcends partisan politics and political affiliations, and

WHEREAS,

The Board supports public education for all students that is high-quality, inclusive and supported with resources adequate for its essential responsibility of helping all children achieve, succeed and mature into good citizens who contribute to America's economy, social well-being and the civic life of our democracy, and will vigorously defend the right to a free and appropriate public education for all of our students, and

WHEREAS,

The Board wants our community to know diversity and inclusion are core values to our public-school system, and we will stand up for all students and families regardless of, and especially if under attack because of, ability, background, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, language, gender or gender identity, income, immigration status, citizenship or non-citizenship; and that we welcome and teach every single student and work to ensure they feel safe, secure and fully supported in their academic, social and emotional learning, and

WHEREAS,

Betsy DeVos has been nominated to become Secretary of Education of the United States, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board hereby opposes the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as U.S. Secretary of Education on the grounds that she lacks any credentials as an educator, that she has no experience in the administration and management of public schools, that she has demonstrated a long history of support for the elimination of local school boards, the growth of charter schools without accountability, and school-voucher programs that divert and remove resources from already struggling school districts and, in doing so, the Board joins a broadening national coalition of educational groups, civil-rights organizations and other voices calling upon the United States Senate to stand firm and oppose the confirmation of this nominee.

CERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT CLERK

I, Paula Ann Tibbitts, District Clerk of the City School District of Albany Board of Education, hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the required majority vote of the Board of Education at its meeting held on January 30, 2017.

Paula A Tibbitts
Authorized Signature

1.30.17
Date