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Resolution of Opposition To Proposed State Capture of District Contingency Funds

To all whom these presents shall come:

WHEREAS we, the elected and administrative leadership of the Simpson County School District, are charged by Kentucky statute and community expectations to operate this school system to meet both anticipated and potential fiscal needs to ensure the continued learning of students in our classrooms; and

WHEREAS the personnel of this school system have, through careful and effective financial management and effective budgeting, planned for unexpected expenses and the elimination of federal stimulus funds with conservative budgeting of reserve monetary resources; and

WHEREAS the taxpaying voters and property owners who reside in within the boundaries of this school system have contributed their local tax dollars to meet those local education expenses, which in turn have been incorporated both in the district's budgeted allocations and planned contingency funds; and

WHEREAS the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education have consistently and strenuously urged this district's leaders to plan for emergencies by maintaining a strong contingency fund in order to be able to respond for potential critical operational costs which otherwise could happen at any time; and

WHEREAS unfunded mandates by state and federal governments -- such as required but not financed pay raises for personnel -- already impact the available financial resource of the district contingency fund; and

WHEREAS it has come to our attention that some state government officials may be considering options for capturing all or a portion of this district's budgetary contingency funds as a means of addressing the Commonwealth's lack of adequate funding for necessary public services,

THEREFORE, we hereby register our strong opposition to this proposal and call on all citizens of this community to contact their state representatives and senator with similar statements in support of community control of this district's vital financial resources for the teaching and learning of our children.

Signed: _____
CHAIRMAN

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