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Resolution expressing the City of Milwaukee's Youth Council's opposition to proposed state budget cuts to Milwaukee Public Schools.

..Analysis

This resolution expresses the City of Milwaukee Youth Council's opposition to proposed state budget cuts to Milwaukee Public Schools.

..Body

Whereas, State Assembly Bill 40 and State Senate Bill 27 establish the 2011-2013 biennial state budget; and

Whereas, The proposed legislation reduces Equalization Aid by \$750 million, with an anticipated \$74 million cut to Milwaukee Public Schools next year; and

Whereas, The proposed budget provides no further relief from the school choice funding flaw; and

Whereas, The proposed legislation eliminates the enrollment cap for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, phases out income limits and expands the program to schools in Milwaukee County; and

Whereas, The proposed budget will result in larger class sizes and fewer teachers per student, categorical cuts to advanced placement classes, and will jeopardize arts programming in the schools; and

Whereas, The Youth Council believes that advanced placement programs are essential to preparing today's youth for advanced education and further believes that a diverse education including the arts is equally important; and

Whereas, Milwaukee Public Schools serve an area with the highest concentrations of students in poverty and students with special needs in Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Youth Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Youth Council opposes the cuts to the Milwaukee Public Schools included in State Assembly Bill 40 and State Senate Bill 27.

..Requestor

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