

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE REMOVING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM THE SEAT OF STATE GOVERNMENT

The State Board of Education (the “Board”) hereby adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on January 3rd, 2024, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paul Craft was informed by the Director of the Department of Administrative Services of the intent to move the State Board of Education, superintendent, and staff to a historic building on the Department of Agriculture campus, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, as early as February; and

WHEREAS, the primary reason provided for the planned move was that the size of the Board and staff is a match for the facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, the citizens of Ohio voted to amend Article VI, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and create the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.111(F) states, “The headquarters of the state board shall be at the seat of government, where office space suitable and adequate for the work of the state board shall be provided by the appropriate state agency. There the state board shall meet and transact its business, unless the state board chooses to meet elsewhere in Ohio as provided by section [3301.04](#) of the Revised Code;” and

WHEREAS, Reynoldsburg, Ohio is not the seat of state government; Article XI, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution states that “Columbus shall be the seat of government unless otherwise directed by law”; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that being removed from the seat of state government would imperil its ability to effectively perform its duties under the law and the Ohio Constitution; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education expresses its unequivocal opposition to the Department of Administrative Services plan to move the Board to Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to advocate for the Board’s continued presence and operation in the seat of state government, Columbus, Ohio, and to take any and all action consistent with achieving this objective.