

Reps. Knollenberg and Walsh offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 192.**

A resolution to express the sense of this legislative body that immediate steps must be taken to restore fully the educational funding previously reduced through the so-called 20j veto and the proration per pupil cut.

Whereas, Michigan's schools are facing an untenable situation. Nearly half way through their fiscal year, the public schools of this state have seen their financing reduced dramatically. Two specific and unexpected moves made by the Governor, the line item veto of so-called 20j funding for certain school districts and the proration cut of \$127 in per-pupil funding, are having a devastating impact, as schools scramble mid year to reduce services significantly; and

Whereas, While there is widespread agreement that the current budget situation calls for belt tightening and austerity, we must also realize that no single venture is more important to Michigan's ultimate recovery than the education of the next generation. Without the best learning opportunities for our young people, the state's ability to compete with other states and other countries is seriously compromised; and

Whereas, Citizens in all corners of this state are expressing a strong sense of urgency over restoring the school funding cuts resulting from the proration reduction and the 20j veto. They are upset over the impact of these major and late cuts and are very frustrated that the public's sense of urgency is not reflected in action at the Capitol. Even the Governor's announcement of a delay and possible reduction in the pro-rata cut does little to remedy the serious problems facing our state's public schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby express the sense of this legislative body that immediate steps must be taken to restore fully the educational funding previously reduced through the so-called 20j veto and the proration per pupil cut. These steps shall include this body and the Senate not recessing for Christmas or the Holidays until the previously reduced funding is fully restored; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor and the Michigan Senate.