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The Phoenix Elementary School Board at its meeting on February 14, 2017 voted unanimously to oppose the proposed action of the Arizona State Legislature to repeal the Arizona Public School Desegregation Funding that supports educational services for minority and low income students. We resolve that:

Whereas: Phoenix Elementary School District #1 (Phoenix District #1) is one of nineteen districts in Arizona who must budget for court orders of desegregation or OCD agreements;

Considering: That \$11 million dollars of desegregation funding support two "A" schools; gifted education programs, dual language classes, after school enrichment; art, language, physical education and athletics, dance, drama, and band; and transportation in Phoenix District #1;

Understanding: 7,000 students benefit from desegregation funding in Phoenix District #1;

Knowing: In our district and most other districts that 90 to 100 percent of desegregation funds go directly for services for children;

Having Seen: The Governor's proposed educational funding initiative that does not adequately fund public schools;

Recognizing: Our students are benefiting greatly from this funding as it enables us to offer a school choice model, and that there is no replacement source of funding to protect our students and the high quality programs that support them;

Be it resolved that the Governing Board:

1. Opposes the passing of Senate Bill 1174 that might eliminate desegregation funding.
2. Supports our fellow school districts that are also working hard to undo discriminatory practices and provide an outstanding education for each and every student we serve.
3. Believes this plan will harm our students who are in need of the resources and deserve a quality PUBLIC education.

Unanimously passed and adopted this 14th day of February 2017.

Signed by:



Susan Benjamin, Governing Board President