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**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
THE ADOPTION OF STATE FUNDED POLICIES
FOR PRE-K PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Pottstown School District is aware, respected research shows, children who have had access to high-quality Pre-K perform well in school and further in life, and

WHEREAS, more children are enrolling in Kindergarten in need of extra assistance and preparation that is often difficult for school districts to provide and which may be avoided with greater access to high quality Pre-K

WHEREAS, research conducted in Pennsylvania finds that increased access to Pre-K can decrease the rate of special education placements by nearly fifty percent through the second grade, and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of our region's families are finding it difficult to meet the costs of high-quality Pre-K, which can frequently exceed spending on rent or mortgage, or college tuition, and

WHEREAS, child care centers, nursery schools and pre-k centers do not uniformly have the capacity or resources to offer high quality Pre-K programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Board of Directors of the Pottstown School District support the adoption of state funded policies that ensure every three and four year old child in Pennsylvania can access high-quality Pre-K and as a result will more likely be ready for kindergarten, as well as academic and lifelong success.


POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT



Judyth L. Zahora, Board President

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Attest:



Linda S. Adams, Board Secretary