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Resolution Calling on Worthington School District Legislative Representatives to Sponsor and Promote Override Legislation to the Gubernatorial Veto of TPP reimbursements for FY17.

WHEREAS, The Tangible Personal Property Tax was a local tax that was eliminated by the Ohio Legislature in 2005 in favor of the statewide Commercial Activities Tax; and

WHEREAS, Worthington City Schools once derived approximately 15 million dollars per year from this component of our tax base; and

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio, in recognition of the fact that a local tax was, in fact, confiscated, committed to reimburse school districts for the value of that tax; and

WHEREAS, As of FY15, The State of Ohio was still reimbursing Worthington a reduced amount of approximately 10 million dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Legislature further committed to maintain these reimbursements in perpetuity in the 2013 budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio House of Representatives and Rep. Duffey voted to maintain these reimbursements for FY16 and FY17 in HB64, the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Senate, and Sen. Hughes voted to maintain these reimbursements for FY16 and FY17 in HB64, the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio House and the Ohio Senate confirmed their intentions by voting for the Conference Committee Report; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Ohio revoked the intended funding via the Line Item Veto provision of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Constitution allows for the legislature to override gubernatorial vetoes through the legislative process. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Worthington City Schools Board of Education calls on our primary legislative representation, Rep. Mike Duffey and Senator Jim Hughes to introduce and sponsor legislation to override the gubernatorial veto and restore the TPP reimbursement hold harmless provision for FY17; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Worthington City Schools Board of Education will send a copy of this Resolution to the President of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of similarly situated school districts materially harmed by the line item veto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Representatives introduce legislation in their respective chambers that will allow Worthington and similarly situated districts to capture the losses associated with the confiscation of the TPP tax in permanent law