

**RESOLUTION OF THE CESA #9 BOARD OF CONTROL**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has a strong reputation of providing a public education system that is high-quality preparing our students for success in college, career, and citizenship;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has a strong reputation of investing in its system of public education to strengthen students' success beyond high school and to strengthen the economic development and future of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, CESAs serve the unique needs of schools and children in a particular region of the state through the provision of high quality service, making it possible for schools and school districts regardless of size to work together to share staff and equipment, save money, and extend educational opportunities to all corners of the state and to all children;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Walker has proposed eliminating funding for CESAs and making membership in a CESA optional;

**WHEREAS**, elimination of state aid to CESA #9 equates to a \$21,717 or 7.3% decrease in our budget for administration of the Agency and would cause either a reduction in the valuable programs and services we can provide to educators, educational leaders, and students in the 22 school districts in the CESA #9 region or an increase in costs to districts for continuation of those programs and services;

**WHEREAS**, making basic membership in CESA #9 optional for our member districts would inhibit our ability to consistently serve the students in our 22 school districts from year to year, especially our rural school districts;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the CESA #9 Board of Control as the elected governing body of the said Agency calls upon Senators Tiffany, Moulton, Petrowski, Bewley and Representatives Swearingen, Czaja, Kulp, Myers, Heaton, Spiros, and Edming to work with their legislative colleagues to maintain current State Statute 116 including the provisions for state aid and membership in the cooperative.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being all members of the CESA #9 Board of Control, have executed this resolution this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015.

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