



**State Board of Education Resolution  
On the Transparency of School Funding Across the District of Columbia  
SR19-3**

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia State Board of Education recognizes the current limited access of city leaders, community members, and parents to information about the school budgeting process in both DCPS and public charter schools;

**WHEREAS**, a more transparent school budgeting process would allow for greater understanding and accountability with respect to how the District's dollars are spent to educate its children;

**WHEREAS**, a more transparent school budgeting process would prioritize equity across local education agencies (LEAs) and schools, and in particular ensure that schools serving students with greater needs receive the resources to best address those needs;

**WHEREAS**, the budgeting process should include opportunities for parents to provide meaningful input into school-level decisions;

**WHEREAS**, the school budgets that result from this process should be comprehensive and detailed, such that both funding sources and expenditure categories are easily compared across schools;

**WHEREAS**, these school budgets should be accessible—not only easy to locate, but readily understandable to students' families and to the community at large; and,

**WHEREAS**, governmental entities, including the DC Public Charter School Board, have undertaken new efforts to increase the accessibility of budgeting information to students and families.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the DC State Board of Education expresses that increasing budgeting transparency should be an important goal for the District of Columbia, and that accomplishing this goal will better ensure that public funds are more effectively used to improve outcomes for all students.

Date Adopted: 2/27/19 Signed: 

