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Below is a resolution in opposition to Amendment 3 that was formally adopted by the Dexter Board during its last meeting on September 23 . Dr. Sharp provided these at their last meeting and authorized them to release the document.

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Dexter R-XI School Board Opposes Amendment 3

On September 23, 2014, the Board of Education passed a resolution to officially oppose Amendment 3 on the November ballot.

Board President Kevin Bishop stated the following about the Board's decision to oppose Amendment 3:

“Amendment 3 takes away local control of educational decisions from parents, teachers, administrators and school boards. It is a state mandate of how to evaluate and prevents school boards from hiring, promoting, compensating, and dismissing teachers in accordance with their local board policies. Additionally, Amendment #3 would require more standardized testing for students, which school districts and tax payers would be forced to pay for.

We do not think Amendment #3 is in the best interests of our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and schools. Accordingly, the Dexter school board opposes Amendment #3.”

RESOLUTION ON AMENDEMENT 3

Dexter R-XI Board of Education

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 on the November ballot is a state mandate that shifts local control for education decisions away from parents, teachers, administrators, and school boards; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 is considered to be a poorly drafted and deeply flawed proposal that has many unintended consequences for teachers, administrators and school boards; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 would inhibit school boards from hiring, promoting, compensating, or dismissing teachers in accordance with board policy; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 could force taxpayers to pay for additional standardized tests at a time when our public schools are significantly underfunded by the state; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 significantly changes teacher evaluations away from a tool to improve teacher performance;

Therefore be it RESOLVED, the Dexter R-XI Board of Education on this 23rd day of September 2014, hereby opposes Amendment 3 on the November ballot.

Board President

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