RESOLUTION BY THE HICKMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Hickman County Board of Education is entrusted with providing all students with the highest quality educational opportunities, preparing them to succeed in postsecondary education and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly passed the "Education Freedom Act of 2025" during the first Extraordinary Session of the 114th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this Act includes a provision for one-time bonuses of no less than $2,000 to qualifying public school teachers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Section Four (4) of the "Education Freedom Act of 2025" requires local boards of education to affirm their intention to participate in this section via a formal resolution in order to receive state funding for teacher bonuses; and

WHEREAS, the Hickman County Board of Education affirms its deep appreciation for the dedication and excellence of its teachers and recognizes the value of these funds in supporting them; and

WHEREAS, the Board does not endorse or support other provisions of the "Education Freedom Act of 2025" beyond the funding allocated for teacher bonuses; and

WHEREAS, while the Board expresses concerns over the broader implications of the Act, it acknowledges that failure to adopt this resolution would result in Hickman County educators being denied access to these much-needed bonus funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hickman County Board of Education formally affirms its intention to participate in Section Four (4) of the "Education Freedom Act of 2025," strictly for the purpose of securing teacher bonuses, and without endorsement or approval of any other components of the Act.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

HICKMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

APPROVED:

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Doug Lane

Chairperson, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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John Mullins

Director of Schools, Hickman County Schools