GVMC
RESOLUTION

Resolution in Support of the
2016 School Aid SB 796
Section 31j
10 Cents a Meal

May 5, 2016

WHEREAS, as the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council is a council of 38 local governments representing over 700,000 people; and

WHEREAS, GVMC's Mission is to advance the current and future well-being of our metropolitan area by bringing together public and private sectors to cooperatively advocate, plan for, and coordinate the provision of services and investments which have environmental, economic and social impact; and

WHEREAS, School Aid SB 796 section 31j creates the 10 Cents a Meal pilot program in prosperity regions 2, 4, and 6; and

WHEREAS, the 10 Cents a Meal program would support school districts in the purchase of locally-grown fruits and vegetables for use in school lunches, with meal reimbursements up to 10 cents a meal; and

WHEREAS, the project's goals are to improve daily nutrition and eating habits for children through the school setting and to invest in Michigan agriculture and related local food business economies; and

WHEREAS, the project will benefit schools, children, farms and other local food businesses, as well as regional economies and Michigan as a whole.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council does hereby support School Aid SB 796 Section 31j – 10 Cents a Meal Program.

This Resolution declared adopted by the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council May 5, 2016.

John W. Weiss
Executive Director
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Al Vanderberg
Chairperson
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A Resolution In Support of the Continuation of Funding for The State of Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative is intended to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic development, education, work-force development, regional planning and transportation agencies, local and state government, and private companies; and,

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative serves a 13 county area which includes over 340 local governments, 5 public higher education institutions, 2 workforce boards, 3 metropolitan planning organizations, 2 regional planning agencies, 3 rural transportation task forces, as well as many economic development, community development and non-profit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Initiative has resulted in increased cooperation, coordination, and public awareness of partnering agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative has proved extremely successful in the past 3 years bringing in nearly $714,000 in funding for local projects; and

WHEREAS, the highly successful projects funded through the RPI Initiative Success include the Muskegon Port Regional Logistics Hub, Connected Community Engagement Program Technology Action Planning, Protect Lake Michigan Clean Water Initiative, Michigan Work Ready Communities, and Emerge Entrepreneur Portal; and

WHEREAS, the work of the West Michigan Prosperity Initiative has been recognized statewide for its leadership, success and collaboration;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board of Directors hereby endorses continued funding by the State of Michigan for the Regional Prosperity Initiative. Approved on May 5, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

John W. Weiss
Executive Director, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

5/5/16
Date

Al Vanderberg
Chair, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

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