

Subject: Request to change voluntary supplemental contributions to Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) to Annual School Support Fee based on school enrollment.

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 228

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) on average 75 percent of Area Lutheran High Schools (ALHS), 60 percent of Lutheran Elementary Schools (LES), and 10 percent of stand-alone Early Childhood Ministries (ECM) voluntarily make an annual contribution benefiting all schools; and

WHEREAS 2) leadership training, development, and support are critical for the success of our synod school system; and

WHEREAS 3) providing training, resources, and support is a mission of the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS), and the administrators are providing training to current and future school and early childhood leaders, training district coordinators, counselors, and consultants to support schools; and

WHEREAS 4) WELS schools need to fill on average 25 principal vacancies per year; and

WHEREAS 5) due to budget constraints since 2007, the Voluntary Supplemental Contribution has been a tremendous blessing to the CLS, currently supplying about \$160,000 annually, nearly one-third of the annual funding for normal CLS operating purposes; and

WHEREAS 6) additional funds gained through participation by all schools could support needed activity in the districts through the district coordinator and also help fund the unfunded fourth director approved in 2013 by the synod in convention to help address leadership training and added support for schools; and

WHEREAS 7) fees would average less than \$1/month per student; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that all schools in our synod contribute \$7.50 per full-time equivalent (fte) student annually for LES and ECM students, and \$4.00 annually per student for LHS students; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that any future increases to this contribution must be approved by the synod in convention.

Teacher Jamie Luehring, chairman

Pastor Matthew Kuske, secretary

DEFEATED