

## **Model School Board Resolution Opposing Medicaid Cuts**

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid is the fourth largest source of federal funding for public schools and helps support special education and school-based health services for children;

**WHEREAS**, School based Medicaid services serve as a lifeline for children who can't access health care and health services outside of their school;

**WHEREAS**, A recent Congressional Budget Office Analysis found that just one extra year of Medicaid coverage during childhood leads to higher earnings and better productivity as an adult;

**WHEREAS**, We are proud that **[State]** chose to expand school-based Medicaid services to help make sure children get the supports they need;

**WHEREAS**, Our district receives **[\$\$\$\$]** in annual funding from Medicaid to support special education and school-based health services;

**WHEREAS**, Medicaid funding helps support **[# of students]** and **[# of staff]** who provide critical supports to our students.

**WHEREAS**, If our district loses significant Medicaid funding, we could be faced with the difficult decision to cut health services, layoff educators and staff, or reduce other programming to compensate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Board of **[School District]**, respectfully ask Congress to oppose harmful cuts to Medicaid that could seriously limit access to health care, mental and behavioral health care, and services for children with disabilities and those in need, and create significant shortfalls in local budgets.