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**RESOLUTION # 18-15**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION  
AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 70**

**WHEREAS**, public schools have been the hallmark of the American education system and the foundation of the nation's democracy; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio's schools have traditionally been governed by an elected board of education, the members of which have been chosen by their fellow community members to make sound decisions concerning the education of the community's children and to determine the most effective use of local tax dollars in pursuit of that goal ; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 appointment of an academic distress commission in the Youngstown City Schools and the recent restructuring of that commission to function under a CEO appointed by individuals who may reside outside the Youngstown community as opposed to being named those who best know that community – has set aside the ability of the elected board of education exercise its governing authority; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, those restructuring changes were contained in a last-minute amendment to House Bill 70, which the Ohio General Assembly passed without any serious input from the Youngstown City board of Education or the Youngstown community; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this amendment was completed by Columbus-based legislators with little or no connection to the Youngstown community and without any genuine effort to engage those most affected by the action; **AND**

**WHEREAS**, this legislation lays the groundwork for the same restructuring changes to take place in other districts across the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of Education of Pioneer Career and Technology Center, do object and protest the manner in which this draconian legislation was passed and question how the district reforms and improvements can be achieved without involving and engaging the elected board of education and the Youngstown community; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we implore members of the Ohio General Assembly, the State Board of Education, and Governor John R. Kasich to seek amendments to House Bill 70 and the academic distress commission procedures that will preserve and enhance democracy and local control; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such amendments should embrace the original intent of House Bill 70: fostering community engagement and collaboration to create community learning centers that will better serve Youngstown's children and families; **AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Ohio boards of education adopt this resolution and forward said resolution to the governor, the members of the Ohio General Assembly, the State Board of Education and the state superintendent of public instruction.

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Pioneer Superintendent

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Pioneer Treasurer

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Pioneer Board President

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seconded the motion

**VOTE:**

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