

**RESOLUTION**

***Resolution of the Obion County Board of Education urging Congress and the Administration to mitigate the across-the-board cuts to education that are scheduled to occur January 2, 2013; and for other purposes.***

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013 – 2014 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in teacher and staff lay-offs, loss of intervention programs, and an increased tax burden on local residents for additional unfunded federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Obion County School System, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants, and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property and sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as the Obion County School System has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Obion County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **December, 2012**, that:

SECTION 1. The Obion County Board of Education urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

SECTION 2. A copy of this ***Resolution*** shall be transmitted to the Tennessee School Boards Association, and any other interested individual or entity.

SECTION 3. This ***Resolution*** shall take effect upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

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Brian Rainey  
Chairman

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Diane Sanderson  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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David W. Huss, Director of Schools  
Secretary to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Education of Obion County, Tennessee, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of **December, 2012**.