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## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORTS COURT RULING ON CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO A BASIC MINIMUM EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS**

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LANSING – The State Board of Education adopted a resolution Tuesday supporting the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals majority's conclusion on April 23, 2020 that the United States Constitution provides a fundamental right to a basic minimum education.

In that same resolution, the state board made clear that it neither supported nor authorized the filing of a petition last week by State Board of Education members Tom McMillin and Nikki Snyder to rehear the case and to reject that April 23 court majority conclusion.

On behalf of the full state board, the Michigan Attorney General's office filed a motion today in the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court to withdraw the petition filed by McMillin and Snyder in the Gary B. et al. v. Gretchen Whitmer, et al. lawsuit.

Today's motion states that, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Law § 388.1004, the state board speaks with one voice and transacts its business through affirmative votes by a majority of the members serving on the board.

"The State Board of Education speaks with one voice," said State Board President Dr. Casandra Ulbrich. "Today's filing represents the majority opinion of the state board."

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