

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 107

Senators Theis, Bizon, Zorn, Daley, Wozniak, Johnson, Victory, MacDonald, Outman, Barrett and Runestad offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to affirm our commitment to the fundamental  
2 rights of parents to direct the education of their children, and  
3 call on Governor Whitmer to publicly acknowledge these rights.

4           Whereas, The fundamental right of parents over the upbringing  
5 of their children has been unequivocally established in the United  
6 States. Parents are in the best position to know their own child's  
7 needs and circumstances, and therefore, should maintain authority  
8 over all decisions that could impact the health and well-being of  
9 their children; and

10           Whereas, Education remains a critical part of any child's  
11 upbringing. The "natural fundamental right of parents and legal

1 guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education  
2 of their children" has been a cornerstone declaration in Michigan  
3 law for over 25 years; and

4       Whereas, Public schools are directed to listen to and respect  
5 the wishes of parents in the development of academic standards and  
6 curricula. The Michigan Revised School Code provides, "the public  
7 schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating  
8 with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's  
9 intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and  
10 positive environment"; and

11       Whereas, Some education systems and elected officials across  
12 the country have been disregarding or infringing on parents' rights  
13 related to their children's education. For example, radical  
14 politics have permeated public school curricula, resulting in  
15 education that amounts to political indoctrination. In addition,  
16 parents who try to object are either ignored, shamed or silenced;  
17 and

18       Whereas, In October 2021, the Legislature sought to empower  
19 parents and children by providing scholarships to enhance the  
20 educational experience of Michigan students in a multitude of ways.  
21 Governor Gretchen Whitmer, driven by a denial of the basic premise  
22 that Michigan parents and students must have freedom and  
23 flexibility over education, vetoed this legislation; and

24       Whereas, Parents have the right to ensure that their children  
25 are receiving appropriate education. It is essential that parents'  
26 voices are respected and incorporated into the development of  
27 academic curricula; now, therefore, be it

28       Resolved by the Senate, That we affirm our commitment to the  
29 fundamental rights of parents to direct the education of their

1 children; and be it further

2       Resolved, That we call on Governor Gretchen Whitmer to  
3 publicly acknowledge the fundamental right of parents over the  
4 upbringing of their children, including a central role in what it  
5 is their children are learning; and be it further

6       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
7 Governor, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the  
8 State Board of Education.