

FUNDING OF RTI POSITIONS SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the _____ Board of Education is charged with governing the school system so that all students receive the best educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and

WHEREAS, board members, administrators, and teachers do their utmost to ensure students are provided with adequate resources and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure student success, school districts must implement the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) framework as a means of supporting students; and

WHEREAS, RTI² allows districts to identify students who struggle with specific learning disabilities are provided with appropriate intervention and support; and

WHEREAS, RTI² has been hindered by the inability for districts to fully devote personnel to supporting those students who need intervention due to a specific learning disability because funds are not available to hire additional teachers and instructional assistants to meet these critical needs; and

WHEREAS, including funding for RTI² positions within the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula would make a major difference in the lives of Tennessee students by allowing districts to devote resources specifically for student interventions and additional instruction; and

WHEREAS, providing students with direct support would impact student achievement throughout the state and reinforce the strides that have been made over the last several years; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ Board of Education urges the General Assembly to amend the BEP formula to include funding for Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within school districts.