



**Homer Central School District
Board of Education**

Resolution Regarding IMMEDIATE Elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment

**The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education of the
Homer Central School District on February 25, 2014**

**Calling upon the New York State Legislature
to immediately eliminate the Gap elimination Adjustment**

- Whereas:** The NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented as a one-time reduction in State Education Aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then;
- Whereas:** The GEA since its inception has reduced State Education Aid to the Homer Central School district by \$13,003,814;
- Whereas:** This reduction in aid has resulted in a cost shift to the local property taxpayers in the Homer Central School District; and
- Whereas:** This cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Homer Central School District budgets, including reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reduction of school district fund reserves;
- Whereas:** Efforts by the Homer Central School District to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, and increases in pension, health care costs, and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and
- Whereas:** Adequate State funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations and to maintain the quality of education in the Homer Central School district; and
- Whereas:** New York State, through its Gap Elimination Adjustment, has systematically reduced K-12 funding since 2010-11; and
- Whereas:** New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving less in State Aid than 2008-09; and

Whereas: Some school districts have had State Aid DECREASES;

Resolved, that the Homer Central School District Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to **immediately** exempt State Aid for Education from the calculation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th day of February, 2014 during a Board of Education meeting by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

Attest:

Kelli Yacavone, District Clerk

Nancy S. Ruscio, Superintendent of Schools

*Sonia Apker, President,
Homer Central Board of Education*