



**Quality education is important to the success of any community. Bay County business leaders must take the lead in supporting and holding our district leadership accountable to higher standards and demand excellence in our public school system. A top-rated school district is vital in the recruitment of new workforce, ensuring the future of our military installations and for existing businesses to thrive.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO  
RECOGNIZE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES OF EFFECTIVE  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.**

**WHEREAS**, school board members are a crucial public voice entrusted with governing local schools and advocating for more than 26,000 students in Bay District Schools, and;

**WHEREAS**, the school board oversees a \$500M budget, 2,500 employees, and over 40 facilities. Board member experience outside the field of education is vital. Private sector experience, to include fiscal operation, personnel management and facility administration are preferred, and;

**WHEREAS**, in order to address the needs of the workforce, the Bay County Chamber of Commerce strongly urges school board members to formulate policy to empower and prepare all students for work and life in a diverse, global economy, and;

**WHEREAS**, transparent, data driven decisions are critical in policy making and evaluating the public's return on investment, the Bay County Chamber of Commerce urges school board members to utilize a full data management system that allows the district to accurately track individual student academic performance at all times, examine all data, confront negative data and use it as a catalyst to improve student achievement, and;

**WHEREAS**, school board members should express commitment to high expectations for all students by holding all school officials and administrators, both elected and hired, accountable to the stated goal of Bay District Schools to deliver a high quality education, and;

**WHEREAS**, school board members are required to provide a collaborative, safe, and respectful environment for all students, teachers, administrators and staff, and;

**WHEREAS**, the business community desires that school board members are actively involved in the local community, establishing partnerships, engaging with community stakeholders and embracing relationships with local charter schools to overcome outreach barriers, tackle difficult obstacles and seek innovative solutions.



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNIZES THESE FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS AS LISTED AND SUPPORTS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE.**

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2022.

Garrett Anderson, Chairman of the Board

Carol Roberts, President/CEO