



RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONFIRMATION OF BETSY DE VOS
AS SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS Betsy DeVos does not possess a degree in any educational field, and has never attended a public school, sent her children to a public school or worked in a public school; and

WHEREAS, at the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee confirmation hearing Betsy DeVos demonstrated an ignorance of basic educational issues such as the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA), and the difference between growth and proficiency; and

WHEREAS, at the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee confirmation hearing Betsy DeVos refused to answer questions about here home state of Michigan's struggling charter schools, and refused to say whether private and charter schools receiving federal funds should be held to the same accountability standards as public schools, refused to say whether she would uphold current laws regarding the reporting of sexual assault on campus, and refused to say whether she would uphold current laws that protect students from predatory, for profit colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Oxford Public school district prides itself on its rich history of providing an equitable learning environment to a diverse student body including students from a myriad of racial, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds, students with disabilities and students who identify as LGBTQ and is committed to upholding the mandate of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for all of its students;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Oxford Public School District's Board of Education stands in opposition to Betsy DeVos being confirmed as Secretary of Education; and

Be it further resolved that the Oxford Public Schools Board of Education urges all Senators to vote "No" on her confirmation.

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