

**RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT 96  
RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Illinois Governor Quinn has called for mandatory reduction of Illinois school districts from 868 to 300 based solely on area population without input from the parents and taxpayers of those school districts; and

WHEREAS, members of the Illinois legislature have proposed bills regarding this consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RIVERSIDE DISTRICT 96 supports the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) position regarding school district reorganization and consolidation:

School district reorganization and consolidation should facilitate educational improvement;

School district reorganization and consolidation should require the approval of a majority of voters in affected districts;

School district reorganization should not be based solely on student enrollment or district resident population; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RIVERSIDE DISTRICT 96 strongly opposes any legislative proposal for mandatory school district reorganization which does not allow the affected communities to have a voice in the decision and which does not clearly identify and assess the financial and educational benefits of the proposed reorganization.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2011.

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
DISTRICT No. 96, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

By: Nancy Jank  
President, Board of Education

Attest: Susan Moorhead  
Secretary, Board of Education