

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
RESOLUTION**

Resolution in Support of Full Transparency for Taxpayers of State Mandated School Funding

WHEREAS, the City Council, City of Two Rivers residents and taxpayers, City employees, and community members of all types are best served when there is full transparency regarding public funding, especially for local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a strong and well-financed public school system is essential to the long-term success of the City of Two Rivers, supporting our children and families, attracting and retaining residents, and contributing to the overall vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin reduces state aid from the Two Rivers Public School District for students who live in the attendance area, but who choose to attend private schools separate from the Two Rivers Public School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the authority to levy for the reduced amount of state aid for private voucher school payments; and

WHEREAS, since the 2022-23 school year, the Wisconsin Legislature has increased the per-pupil-payment for vouchers by 30% for grades K-8, 48% for grades 9-12, 23% for special education, and 27% for independent charter schools; and

WHEREAS, for the 2025-2026 school year, the cost of private voucher school payments in the Two Rivers Public School District is a total cost of \$1,067,225.50 and the Two Rivers Public School District therefore levied that full amount for the year to make up for this loss of state aid withheld for private voucher schools; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Two Rivers strongly advocates and supports transparency in all respects regarding taxpayer dollars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the addition of the local property tax bills a new line that will show the amount of the Two Rivers Public School District levy that is for the purpose of capturing the state aid that is withheld from the Two Rivers Public School District to fund voucher school payments.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Two Rivers, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin this 8th day of September 2026.

City Council President Scott Stechmesser

City Manager Kyle Kordell