

**Resolution Expressing Appreciation to  
HIGHMARK**

- Whereas,** In 2008, the State Board of Education sought to broaden the perspective of its deliberations by adding a student voice; and
- Whereas,** Since that time, two high school and two post-secondary students annually have served on the State Board of Education as non-voting, advisory members; and
- Whereas,** These student members serve as delegates of Pennsylvania's 1.76 million public school students and the nearly 800,000 undergraduate students attending public and private higher education institutions in the Commonwealth; and
- Whereas,** The Student Leadership Program was facing closure as the initial grant funds dedicated to its support come to an end; and
- Whereas,** Highmark has recognized the value of including a student voice in the Commonwealth's education policymaking and has generously funded a \$20,000 grant to the State Board for the purpose of sustaining its Student Leadership Program; now therefore be it
- Resolved:** That the members of the State Board of Education do hereby extend their appreciation and special tribute to Highmark for its support of the Student Leadership Program and commend Highmark's generosity as a model of laudable corporate citizenship.

Given under my hand and our seal  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013

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Larry Wittig  
Chairman