## 2020 Second Extraordinary Session

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

## BY REPRESENTATIVES DWIGHT AND BOURRIAQUE

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Calcasieu and Cameron parish school systems are not penalized in terms of funding due to Hurricane Laura

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take all
3	necessary measures relative to the minimum foundation program formula to ensure
4	that the school systems in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes are not penalized in terms
5	of funding due to closures and student displacement resulting from Hurricane Laura.
6	WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the
7	State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and adopt annually a
8	formula which shall be used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program (MFP)
9	of education in all public elementary and secondary schools as well as to allocate equitably
10	the funds to parish and city school systems; and
11	WHEREAS, the constitution requires the legislature to fully fund the current cost to
12	the state of the MFP as determined by applying the legislatively approved formula; and
13	WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura, which made landfall in August of 2020, drastically
14	disrupted elementary and secondary education services in multiple parishes; and
15	WHEREAS, unprecedented and widespread damage to homes and school facilities
16	in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes has resulted in the closure of schools and the
17	displacement of thousands of families; and
18	WHEREAS, it is critical that school funding be maintained rather than reduced for
19	Calcasieu and Cameron so that these parishes and their school systems and citizens can
20	recover as quickly as possible from this historic natural disaster.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

2 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take all

3 necessary measures relative to the minimum foundation program formula to ensure that the

4 school systems in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes are not penalized in terms of funding due

5 to closures and student displacement resulting from Hurricane Laura.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted

7 to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and to the state

8 superintendent of education.

## DIGEST

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Requests that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education take all necessary measures relative to the minimum foundation program formula to ensure that the Calcasieu Parish and Cameron Parish school systems are not penalized in terms of funding due to closures and student displacement resulting from Hurricane Laura.