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To: Members of the Senate and House Education Committees
Members of House Leadership
Members of Senate Leadership

From: Twinsburg Board of Education
Kathryn M. Powers, Superintendent 

Re: Extension of Graduation Options

Date: November 30, 2018

On behalf of the Twinsburg City School District, we are writing to you today to respectfully request that the graduation options already afforded to the class of 2018, be extended to the Classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021. Specifically, the Twinsburg Board of Education and I are requesting an extension of Section 733.67 of House Bill 49, 132nd Ohio General Assembly, for the following:

- a. students in the class of 2019;
- b. students in the class of 2020; and
- c. students in the class of 2021

For the class of 2019 alone, forty-two (42) out of the three hundred twenty-five (325) students in the class are currently not on track to graduate with their peers on June 2, 2019. These numbers indicate a need for our students to have options to prove their academic achievement, growth and successes. Skills needed in the workplace, within institutions of higher education and life in general demand that our students can do more than pass tests. The real world demands "soft skills" and critical thinking that will allow them to succeed in a multi-faceted, global economy. Graduation options offered to the class of 2018 reflect that reality and offer options aligned with what students are and will continue to face as they grow and learn.

And while a long-term policy solution to graduation pathways is being deliberated, legislative action must be taken immediately to establish consistency and predictability for students, teachers, administrators, and the broader community.

Along with other school districts and stakeholders throughout the state (urban, suburban, and rural), we believe that our students must be held to the highest standards. These standards can be both rigorous and allow for each student to leverage their academic strengths, interests, and growth. Extending the 2018 graduation options will do just that

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and provide needed consistency from one academic year to the next, until a permanent policy solution is finalized.

Attached for your review is Twinsburg Board of Education Resolution 18 - 482 which encourages your consideration of the extension of graduation pathways for the Classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021.

We would be pleased to talk in more detail about any component of this proposed language.

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The Board of Education of Twinsburg City School District, Ohio, met in regular session on November 28, 2018, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Twinsburg High School I-Pod Large Conference Room, 10084 Ravenna Rd, Twinsburg, Ohio, at 7:00 p.m, with the following members present:

Mr. Cellura

Mr. Curtis

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. DeFabio

Mr. Felber

The Treasurer advised the Board that the notice requirements of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code and the implementing rules adopted by the Board pursuant thereto were complied with for the meeting.

Mr. Curtis

 moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 482

WHEREAS, Section 733.67 of House Bill 49 of the 132nd Ohio General Assembly (“Section 733.67”) authorized two additional graduation pathways for students in the Class of 2018; and

WHEREAS, these additional pathways provided students with additional opportunities to earn their diplomas; and

WHEREAS, school districts across the State of Ohio are seeking the extension of these two additional graduation pathways for the Class of 2019, the Class of 2020, and the Class of 2021 to ensure those students have the same opportunities to graduate as the Class of 2018; and

WHEREAS, while a long term policy solution to graduation pathways is being deliberated, legislative action must be taken immediately for the Class of 2019, the Class of 2020, and the Class of 2021, which have not been offered options granted to the Class of 2018; and

WHEREAS, to extend Section 733.67 to the Class of 2019, the Class of 2020, and the Class of 2021, the Ohio General Assembly must authorize these two additional pathways for the Class of 2019; for the Class of 2020; and for the Class of 2021; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Twinsburg Board of Education requests the Ohio General Assembly act immediately and in advance of December 14, 2018, to extend the two additional pathways authorized in Section 733.67 of House Bill 49 of the 132nd General Assembly to the Class of 2019, Class of 2020, and Class of 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chairpersons of the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee, and those State Senators and State Representatives who represent any portion of the Twinsburg City School District.

Mrs. DeFabio

 seconded the motion

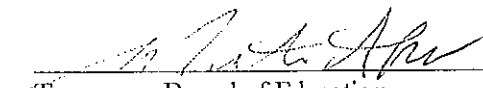
Upon roll call on the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the vote was as follows:

<u>Mr. Cellura</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Mr. Curtis</u>	<u>Yea</u>
<u>Mrs. Davis</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Mrs. DeFabio</u>	<u>Yea</u>
	<u>Mr. Felber</u>	<u>Yea</u>	

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION

The above is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Twinsburg City School District, Ohio, held on November 28, 2018, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Twinsburg High School L-Pod Large Conference Room, 10084 Ravenna Rd, Twinsburg, Ohio, showing the adoption of the **Resolution 18-482** set forth above.

Dated: November 30, 2018



Treasurer, Board of Education
Twinsburg City School District, Ohio