## RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, Texas will receive almost \$18 billion in federal funds earmarked
3	for K-12 education through the CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School
4	Emergency Relief (ESSER II and III) and the American Rescue Plan; and
5	WHEREAS, the State of Texas will only continue to maintain an economic
6	edge with a high-quality workforce and educated citizenry through a continued
7	statewide commitment to quality public education for all; and
8	WHEREAS, the funding the State of Texas has received is intended to
9	supplement the needs of Texas school districts as they support the unfinished
10	learning and social-emotional needs of the students they serve; and
11	WHEREAS, local education agencies in other states have already received
12	their allocations and planning amounts and Texas has not allocated these funds to
13	local education agencies to allow for planning and budgeting to address unfinished
14	learning for the children of Texas; and
15	WHEREAS, the needs of Texas' schools and its children are of paramount
16	concern to both the people of Texas and the long-term economic and cultural aspects
17	of both the future of our State and our Nation; and
18	WHEREAS, each State shall make allocations to local educational agencies
19	in an expedited and timely manner and, to the extent practicable, not later than 60
20	days after the receipt of such funds; and
21	WHEREAS, there has been a delay of the allocation of these funds and the
22	initial discussions indicate these funds will supplant funds already designated for
23	districts rather than supplementing the funds local education agencies should already

receive and are entitled to for the purpose of addressing unfinished learning; and

25	WHEREAS, there is discussion about how the Texas Education Agency may
26	add additional requirements above and beyond the Federal guidelines related to
27	allowable partners and technical assistance providers with which local education
28	agencies can utilize these funds; and
29	WHEREAS, local school districts indicate that supplemental funding will be
30	spent on improving safety and ventilation, after-school programs, mental health
31	supports, school nurses, technology, and addressing learning loss and supports for
32	students; NOW, THEREFORE,
33	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
34	City Council respectfully asks, and recommends, that Governor Greg Abbott, the
35	Texas Legislature, and the Texas Education Agency ensure:
36	• All supplemental funds allocated from the federal government flow to local
37	education agencies;
38	• The Texas Education Agency utilize these funds to supplement funding to
39	school districts;
40	• The Texas Education Agency does not use these Federal allocations to
41	supplant state funds already due to districts through the Foundation School
42	Program and Available School Fund; and
43	• The Texas Education Agency does not attach additional restrictions and
44	extend their control in place of local control on how these funds can best be
45	utilized in districts across the state.
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47	<b>ADOPTED:</b> , 2021 <b>ATTEST:</b>
48	Jannette S. Goodall
49	City Clerk