

Whereas, the Branch Intermediate School District Board of Education supports early childhood education; and

Whereas, there is abundant research to support the direction of state resources to improving the quality of early childhood education and care; and

Whereas, Governor Jennifer Granholm has proposed Project Great Start as a concept to improve parental, community and state efforts to provide quality early learning experiences for our youngest children; and

Whereas, the Branch ISD Board of Education mission statement reads in part, "...to ensure lifelong learning opportunities for children and adults in our constituent districts;" and

Whereas, the Branch ISD Board of Education desires to show its support for Project Great Start concepts and increased state support of early childhood education and care; and

Whereas, the Branch ISD Board of Education desires to encourage other Michigan school boards of education to support the Project Great Start concepts and increased state support for early childhood education and care; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Branch ISD Board of Education expresses support for the Project Great Start concepts; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Branch ISD Board of Education expresses support for increased state resources for early childhood education and care; and be it

Further Resolved, that the Branch ISD Board of Education urges other Michigan school boards to pass similar resolutions of support for early childhood education and care and encourages publication of such resolution to citizens, opinion leaders and government officials.

Adopted at the regular board of education meeting on March 26, 2003.