

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING AN INCREASE IN
STATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION**

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS education is the cornerstone of our society, the rights and liberties of all citizens, our various levels of government and the multitude of social programs available to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Constitution provides for, in relevant part, such as Article XII, Section 1 that it is the duty of the General Assembly to promote public schools and to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education; and

WHEREAS, over time, the General Assembly and the Rhode Island Department of Education have passed an assortment of laws and regulations mandating minimum education curriculum requirements for all public schools without providing for associated funding from state revenues; and

WHEREAS, regional and local community organized public-school programs have, by law, been required to cover the funding gap created by the insufficient state funding for mandated educational curriculum programs; and

WHEREAS, local governments have had to increase local property and tangible taxes to raise additional revenue to fulfill their legal obligations for minimum public education curriculum requirements imposed on them by the State; and

WHEREAS, Warwick been forced to unfairly and disproportionately tax its residents and businesses to make up the State funding shortfalls for State required public education programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby requests that the General Assembly, the Office of the Governor and the Rhode Island Department of Education initiate a statewide dialogue to address the issue of public education curriculum requirements and state sponsored funding for these requirements to establish a fair, equitable and sustainable state funded program to support public education.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a reduction in local tax burdens will reduce a regressive tax
2 burden and provide local property owners with much needed tax relief.
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4 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and
5 Representatives from the City of Warwick.
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7 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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13 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN SINAPI
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16 COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL
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