

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H 5201 – RELATING TO EDUCATION
THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT
AS OUTLINED IN RIGL §16-7.2-6**

WHEREAS, the regional incentive was promised to local districts when the Regional School Districts were formed; and

WHEREAS, the regional incentive was phased out in 2010 with the passage of the new funding formula; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Categorical Funds were provided to the Regional School Districts to partially offset the loss of the regional incentive by partially reimbursing the higher transportation costs of the regional districts; and

WHEREAS, the Regional School Districts have designed and implemented a number of innovative education programs that meet the learning needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the investment of resources in our Regional School Districts has yielded positive education results and innovative educational programs and services for students and adults that have been a wise investment of local and state resources; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that students attending Regional School Districts continue to receive a high-quality public education and to reduce the burden on regional taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopkinton Town Council,

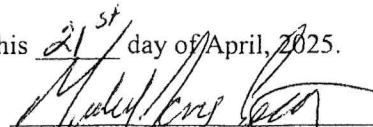
1. Respectfully requests that Transportation Categorical Funds between the State and Regional Districts be fully funded in an amount equal to that intended under RIGL §16-7.2-6(e) to protect the interests of regional school districts and advance the education mission of our schools; and
2. Seeks the support of all School Committees, Town Councils and Legislators that comprise the regional school districts regarding this matter of mutual interest to the schools and taxpayers of our regional districts.

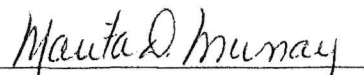
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Charlestown Town Council, the Richmond Town Council, the Chariho Regional District School Committee, and the Chariho Regional District Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent as well to the Town Councils, School Committees, and Legislators of the regional districts of Bristol-Warren, Exeter-West Greenwich and Foster-Glocester.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

Passed as a resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this 21st day of April, 2025.


Michael James Geary, President
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST: 
Marita D. Murray, Town Clerk

