

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF  
CATEGORICAL TRANSPORTATION AID  
AS OUTLINED IN RIGL 16-7.2-6**

**WHEREAS:** the Chariho Regional School District Committee passed a Resolution in support of full funding of categorical Transportation Aid as outlined in RIGL 16-7.2-6, dated January 10, 2023; and

**WHEREAS:** Chariho is a regional school district serving the Towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton, which each contribute tax payments to Chariho; and

**WHEREAS:** state funding obligations for regional school districts have been reduced, including fund payments to Chariho, which has been left to member communities' taxpayers to make up the shortfalls; and

**WHEREAS:** Chariho is faced with the horrible choices of whether to fully absorb the funding shortfalls, request more taxpayer contributions from member communities and/or reduce student programming; and

**WHEREAS:** it is vital that students at Chariho be provided a high quality public education without overburdening member community taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby requests that the General Assembly fully fund the Transportation Categorical Funds between state and regional school districts pursuant to the relevant requirements of RIGL 16-7.2-6(e); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Charlestown's representatives in the R.I. General Assembly, all regional school districts and the 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on February 13, 2023.

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Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC Town Clerk

