

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern,

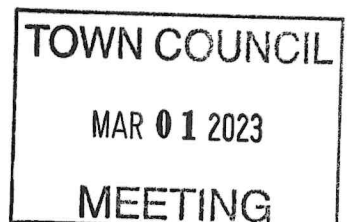
We are reaching out to our fellow districts to share our school committee Resolution regarding Transportation funding. The Bristol Warren School District is a regional school district in the State of Rhode Island, serving two communities. We were pleased to see that the Governor's FY '24 budget included full funding for regional transportation. The rising transportation cost would be more than any one community could sustain without adequate funding.

The Bristol Warren Regional School Committee respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly support the Governor's Recommended FY 24 Budget, as it relates to ensuring student transportation costs are fully funded. Please see attached Resolution approved by the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee on February 13, 2023.

Sincerely,

Nichola Piper
Chair, Bristol Warren Regional School Committee

Enclosure



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Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Resolution In Support of Full Funding of Categorical Transportation Aid 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, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Bristol Warren Regional School District Committee

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;
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.

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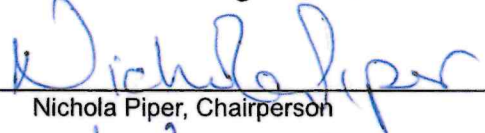
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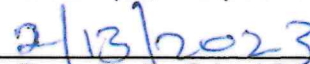
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Warren Town Council, the Bristol Town Council and Legislators of the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

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

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

WHERETO: The following bear witness:



Nichola Piper, Chairperson


Date Passed by the School Committee



Witness – School Committee Clerk