

# BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE** **RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGE TO TRANSPORTATION REGION** **HOUSE BILL NO. 5252**

**WHEREAS:** There are hereby established school bus districts within the state to provide bus transportation in the interest of public safety, health, and welfare for pupils in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), or in special education programs, who attend public schools, including vocational schools and special education programs provided in accord with regulations of the board of regents for elementary and secondary education, consolidated schools, regional schools established under the provisions of 16-3-1 et seq., or who participate in cooperative programs as provided by 16-3.1-1 et seq., and nonpublic nonprofit schools which are consolidated, regionalized, or otherwise established to serve residents of a specific area within the state which schools satisfy the requirements of law for any of the grades of school, kindergarten through twelve (12) as follows,

**WHEREAS:** The Bristol Warren Regional School District (BWRSD) is considered a part of the East Bay for many services yet our transportation region is not in the East Bay (Region 5, see chart below). We have seen a significant cost increase in these services each year and the additional cost for the transportation is \$1.2 million.


REGION 3	REGION 4	REGION 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barrington</li><li>• Bristol</li><li>• Central Falls</li><li>• Cranston</li><li>• East Providence</li><li>• Johnston</li><li>• Lincoln</li><li>• North Providence</li><li>• Pawtucket</li><li>• Providence</li><li>• Smithfield</li><li>• Warren</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charlestown</li><li>• Exeter</li><li>• Hopkinton</li><li>• Jamestown</li><li>• Narragansett</li><li>• New Shoreham</li><li>• North Kingstown</li><li>• Richmond</li><li>• South Kingstown</li><li>• West Greenwich</li><li>• Westerly</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Little Compton</li><li>• Middletown</li><li>• Newport</li><li>• Portsmouth</li><li>• Tiverton</li></ul>

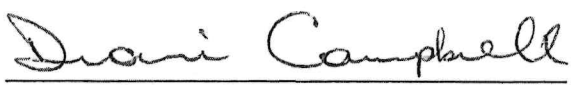
**WHEREAS:** These additional transportation costs are having a significant impact on the local school district budget and forces the district to move funds from other areas of their operating budgets to cover these increased transportation costs causing undue burden and inequity across the district.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the BWRSD School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to support the request to move the BWRSD to Region 5 for student transportation services.

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, Rhode Island School Committee, RIASC, State Senator, State Representative and the Governor.

**WHERETO:** The following bear witness:

  
Nichola Piper, Chairperson

  
Witness – School Committee Clerk

2/13/2023  
Date Passed by the School Committee

