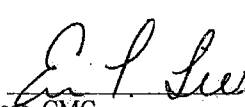
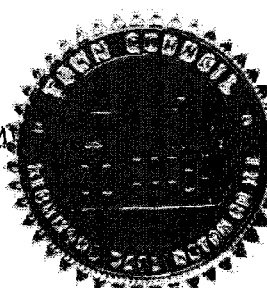


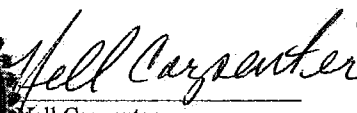
**TOWN OF RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2022-7
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING
OF CATEGORICAL TRANSPORTATION AID
AS OUTLINED IN RIGL 16-7.2-6**

- 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
- WHEREAS, according to the RI Department of Education, the Governor has requested a total of \$4,185,284 for regional transportation aid for the regional districts of Bristol-Warren, CHARIHO, Exeter-West Greenwich, and Foster-Gloicester; and
- WHEREAS, according to the RI Department of Education, \$5,793,117 of categorical transportation aid is required under the intent of RIGL 16-7.2-6(e); and
- WHEREAS, the funding requested by the Governor represents a \$1.6 million- dollar shortfall for the regional districts as follows: Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton (\$590,584); Bristol-Warren (\$454,763) and Exeter- West Greenwich (\$394,429); and Foster-Gloicester (\$168,057),
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond 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;
 2. Seeks the support of all Town Councils and Legislatures 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, Rhode Island General Assembly, the Richmond Town Council, the Hopkinton Town Council, the Chariho Regional District School Committee, and the Chariho Regional District Superintendent.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy the resolution be sent as well to the Town Councils, Schools, and Legislatures of the regional districts of Bristol-Warren, Exeter-West Greenwich, and Foster-Gloicester.
- The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Richmond Town Council
At a meeting held on May 3, 2022

ATTEST: 
Erin F. Liese, CMC
Town Clerk




Nell Carpenter
Town Council President

