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**Burrillville Town Council Resolution
in support of Senate Bill 2024 – S 2008
Relating to Education – The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act**

WHEREAS, The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act states “The general assembly recognizes the need for an equitable distribution of resources among the state’s school districts, property tax relief and a predictable method of distributing education aid.”; and

WHEREAS, the State education aid funding formula is anything but predictable, as it is inconsistently applied; and

WHEREAS, this inconsistency creates a financial hardship for school districts and by default cities and towns who are faced with a great difficulty in finding ways to make up for shortfalls; and local taxpayers who ultimately bear the burden of inconsistent funding; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2024 – S 2008 would amend The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act by prohibiting total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this will not solve all the problems associated with the funding formula, it is a good stopgap measure; and

WHEREAS, this amendment would benefit all cities and towns by making aid to the state’s school districts more predictable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville supports Senate Bill 2024 – S 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests members of the Senate Finance Committee, Burrillville legislators and each of the the Rhode Island cities and towns to support Senate Bill 2024 – S 2008 and any House companion that may be introduced.

Adopted this 14th day of February 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Fox", written over a horizontal line.

Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST: Vicki Martin, Town Clerk

