

## TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TOWN OF EXETER

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>: The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District (hereinafter referred to as "EWG"), serving the Towns of Exeter and West Greenwich, each of which contribute tax payments to EWG; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: State funding obligations for regional school districts have been reduced, including fund payments to EWG, which has left the communities' taxpayers to make up for the shortfalls; and

<u>WHEREAS</u>: EWG 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 EWG be provided with high-quality public education without overburdening community taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED: That the Town of Exeter Town Council hereby requests that the General Assembly fully fund the Transportation Categorical Funds between the State and regional school districts pursuant to the relevant requirements of RIGL 16-7.2-6 (e); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Exeter Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Exeter's representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly, all regional school districts, and the 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect on passage.

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Approved	y vote of the Exeter Town Council on this day of February, 20	<b>)25.</b>
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	Daniel W. Patterson	
	Town Council President	
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	<u>(IIII)</u> Calvin A. Ellis Town Council Member	<u></u>
IN WITNESS of Exeter thi	HEREOF, I hereby set my hand and the Official Seal of The Town day of February, 2025.	
	Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC Town Clerk	1
	DANIEL W PATTERSON	
Introduced by:	COUNCIL PRESIDENT	
Introduced on:	2/3/2025	
Passed on:	2/3/2025	