

Joint Resolution Creating a Workgroup to Study and Report on the Long-Term Fiscal Health and Revenue Structure of the Bristol-Warren Regional School District

WHEREAS, the financial health of the Bristol-Warren Regional School District (District) is influenced by a variety of factors including enrollment trends, state education funding formulas, municipal contributions, operational costs, and state and federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, changes in student enrollment, shifts in state aid, inflationary pressures, contractual obligations, transportation costs, and facility maintenance needs all affect the District's revenue stability and long-term fiscal sustainability; and

WHEREAS, understanding the interaction among these factors is essential to ensuring that the District can continue to provide high-quality educational programming while maintaining responsible stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful analysis and collaboration among educators, municipal leaders, fiscal experts, and community stakeholders is necessary to identify long-term strategies that strengthen the financial sustainability of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of Bristol, Town Council of Warren, and the Bristol-Warren Regional School District, that:

- There is hereby created a Workgroup on the Fiscal Health and Revenue Sustainability of the Bristol-Warren Regional School District (“the Workgroup”).
- The Workgroup shall consist of the following seven (7) members:
 - Two (2) members to be appointed by the Bristol Town Council;
 - Two (2) members to be appointed by the Warren Town Council;
 - Two (2) members to be appointed by the Bristol-Warren Regional School Committee; and,
 - The Superintendent of the Bristol-Warren Regional School District, or their designee.
- The Workgroup shall study and evaluate:
 - Current and projected enrollment trends within the Bristol-Warren Regional School District and comparable school districts within and outside Rhode Island;
 - The structure and long-term sustainability of the District's revenue sources, including state education aid, municipal appropriations, and other funding streams;
 - The interaction between enrollment trends and the Rhode Island education funding formula;
 - Budgetary pressures affecting the District, including contractual obligations, staffing levels, transportation costs, facility maintenance, and state and federal mandates;
 - The impact of these fiscal factors on staffing, class sizes, educational programming, and student services;
 - The utilization of school facilities and long-term capital planning considerations;

- Best practices and policy responses adopted in other states or jurisdictions addressing similar fiscal challenges in public education; and
- Potential legislative, regulatory, administrative, or local policy recommendations to improve fiscal sustainability while preserving educational quality.
- The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall be elected at the first meeting of the workgroup by a majority of the workgroup members and a quorum will consist of four (4) members of the workgroup meeting together.
- Members shall serve without compensation.
- On or before February 1, 2027, the Workgroup shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Bristol Town Council, Warren Town Council, and Bristol-Warren Regional School Committee.
- The Workgroup shall terminate upon submission of its final report.



Nathan Calouro, President, Bristol Town Council

Dated: 4/13/26

Joseph Depasquale, President, Warren Town Council

Dated: _____

Adam McGovern, Chairperson, Bristol-Warren Regional School Committee

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