

Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District

940 Nooseneck Hill Rd. West Greenwich, RI 02817 401.397.5125 Fax: 401.397.2407

School Committee

Lee Kissinger, Chairperson; Donna Gamache-Griffiths, Vice Chairperson; Kevin McGovern, Clerk; Paul R. McFadden; Michael Picillo; Justin Lake; Madeline Josefson

JAMES H. ERINAKES, II, M.Ed. Superintendent of Schools MARIE-ELENA J. AHERN, Ed.D.

Curriculum Director

Administration
SARAH E. DENTZ, M. Ed.
Director of Special Services

PATRICIA J. RUIZZO, MS.ITM. Director of Administration

TAISABEL LOPEZ
District treasurer

Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee
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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee

- 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 School Committees, Town Councils and Legislators 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, the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Exeter Town Council, the West Greenwich Town Council, and Legislators of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be sent as well to the Town Councils, School Committees and Legislators of the regional districts of Bristol-Warren, Chariho and Foster-Glocester.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School Committee

At a meeting held on February 14, 2023

MAR **29** 2023

Attested to by MEETING

Lee Kissinger, School Committee Chairperson

Attested to by

Kevin Mc Govern, School Committee Clerk

Our Mission: Empowering Students: Dream...Reach...Succeed.