

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

WHEREAS: the Chariho Regional School District Committee passed a Resolution in support of full funding of Categorical Transportation Aid as outlined in RIGL §16-7.2-6, dated December 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS: Chariho is a regional school district serving the Towns of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton, which each contribute tax payments to Chariho; and

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

WHEREAS: Chariho 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 Chariho be provided with high-quality public education without overburdening member community taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown hereby requests that the General Assembly fully fund the Transportation Categorical Funds between state and regional school districts pursuant to the relevant requirements of RIGL 16-7.2-6(e); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this resolution to the Town of Charlestown's representatives in the R.I. General Assembly, all regional school districts, and the 38 cities and towns.

The RESOLUTION shall take effect upon passage.

By resolution of the Charlestown Town Council at a meeting held on January 13, 2025.

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