

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION

OF THE

COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS: The taxpayers of the City of Newport approved a \$106,334,967 school construction bond by 78% in November 2020; AND

WHEREAS: The reimbursement rate for the school bond is expected to reach 52.5%; AND

WHEREAS: S-582 and H-6424 Section 16-7-40 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7 entitled Foundation 2 Level School Support [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act] is being introduced with amended language by Senators Euer and DiPalma as well as Representative Carson who represent Newport; AND

WHEREAS: The proposed amendment asks the Rhode Island Legislature and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) to increase to 40% the minimum housing aid for school districts whose free and reduced lunch population rises above 20% for projects completed after July 1, 2020 and school housing aid ratio increased to 5% if completed by December 30, 2027; AND

WHEREAS: 62.7% of students who currently attend the Newport Public Schools access our free or reduced lunches well above the 20% threshold of the proposed bill therefore making Newport eligible to receive a 5% increase on top of the 52.5% reimbursement rate; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That the city of Newport will support this bill and ask that our state legislators to support S-582 and H-6424 RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] when the bill is introduced.

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