

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

No.

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2022, the Newport City Council voted to put the question of a Middletown and Newport School Regionalization on the November 8, 2022 ballot; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Newport has long recognized the possible educational and financial benefits of a regional school district with regional school facilities; AND

WHEREAS, this ballot question does not include the combining of any school facilities; AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Middletown intends to use state regionalization incentives to fund construction of school facilities that are not designed for a regional student population; AND

WHEREAS, the report delivered by the consultants studying the proposed regionalization analyzed districts with combined school facilities to assess cost savings; AND

WHEREAS, the report does not address the feasibility of delivering the potential educational benefits in a district without regional facilities; AND

WHEREAS, the long-term cost of maintaining and operating redundant school facilities within a regional district has not been analyzed by the consultants; AND

WHEREAS, the window of opportunity to obtain benefits for Newport students through regionalization does not close in November 2022, allowing time for further study of the important unanswered questions still held by this Council and members of the public;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Newport City Council wishes to postpone
the ballot question on the school regionalization
between Middletown and Newport for 6 months; AND
BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Canvassers plan for a special
election to vote on this question in May.

JAMIE BOVA

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk