

CITY OF NEWPORT
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C O U N C I L

No.

- WHEREAS: On November 8, 2022 voters will consider a ballot question regarding a combined Newport-Middletown regionalized school district;
- WHEREAS: A regionalized school district would enable Newport to greatly increase the state's reimbursement for the new Rogers High School and Pell Elementary School addition from 52.5 percent to 80.5 percent;
- WHEREAS: Other incentives including 2-year bonuses and 50 percent reimbursement for in-district busing would go directly to the regionalized school system;
- WHEREAS: the current level of funding for both municipalities would be combined to become the baseline funding going forward;
- WHEREAS: Policy decisions that move both communities to create a robust educational system are vital in the stabilization of financing public education;
- WHEREAS: Robust discussions among the combined communities of educators, parents and students must take place that outline the way the communities would work together to use reimbursement funding to improve programming and student outcomes in a regionalized district; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: that the Newport City Council immediately request the Middletown Town Council to support the appointment of an Academic Advisory Committee to discuss potential educational improvements and make recommendations going forward; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: that Newport City Council will engage in discussions with the Middletown Town Council to prioritize and commit the use of reimbursement funds by creating an endowment to improve the educational opportunities for the students of the regionalized district.

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