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**Smithfield School Committee Resolution
State Education Funding Formula**

WHEREAS: The state of Rhode Island provides direct financial support to public schools and public school students through state aid and;

WHEREAS: The majority of state education aid is determined by a funding formula that includes a core instruction amount for all students, which funds several academic components of the student's day; a poverty factor adjustment to the core (known as the student success factor), which provides additional funding to support student needs beyond core services; and a state share ratio, which is calculated using municipal property values, median family income, and student poverty status and;

WHEREAS: All data elements in the state funding formula are recalculated annually and;

WHEREAS: RI Gen L § 44-5-2 caps the amount a municipality may levy in excess of the amount levied by the municipality for its previous fiscal year with only limited exceptions and RI Gen L § 16-7-23 requires each "community shall contribute local funds to its school committee in an amount not less than its local contribution for schools in the previous fiscal year" with only limited exceptions and;

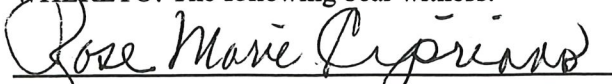
WHEREAS: According to the 2016 report by the state Funding Formula Working Group, "many states have reduced their reliance on local taxes, and increased the percentage of their educational funding that comes from statewide sources and;

WHEREAS: Recent statewide educational assessments of student learning have shown the need for sustained investment in local K-12 education and;

WHEREAS: The wide swings in the state share ratios, growing student movement to and amongst public schools of choice and career and technical education program, and increasing special education requirements have had major impacts on the ability of school districts and municipalities to properly plan and resource educational requirements; or now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Smithfield School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly stabilize the level of state educational aid for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 at an amount no less than the highest level of state educational aid funding between either Fiscal Year 2018 or Fiscal Year 2019 funding except for adjustments based on enrollment changes

WHERETO: The following bear witness:


Rose Marie Cipriano, School Committee Chair


Witness

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