

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF THREE MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTYFOUR DOLLARS FOR THE WARWICK SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING REPAYMENT FOR THE DEFICIT IN THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2019

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, there has been a long running disagreement between the Warwick School Committee and the City over the question of whether the School Committee has adequate funding for the Warwick School Department for fiscal years 2018-2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick School Committee asserted that it needed an additional \$4 Million for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019 and has asserted that it needed \$7.7 Million in additional funding for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the City have denied that the additional funding was necessary for either fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Warwick School Committee desire to resolve the funding issues for the two fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-23 of the Warwick City Charter entitled "Emergency Appropriations" provides that:

At any time in any fiscal year, the council may make emergency appropriations to meet a pressing need for public expenditure, for other than a regular or recurring requirement, to protect the public health, safety, or welfare. Such appropriation shall be by resolution adopted by the favorable votes of at least five (5) members of the council, and shall be made only upon recommendation of the mayor.; and

WHEREAS, within the parameters set forth herein, the City Council and the Mayor has recommended that:

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- 31 1. That the \$4 Million needed by the School Department to fund the deficit in fiscal year
32 2018-2019 be repaid to the City without interest at \$1 Million per year commencing
33 July 1, 2019; and
34 2. A supplemental appropriation of Three Million Nine Hundred Eighty-five Thousand
35 Four Hundred Seventy-four (\$3,985,474.00) Dollars be made to the School
36 Department by the City for the fiscal year 2019-2020 to fund items No. 1 through No.
37 17 on the Exhibit attached hereto with the money being drawn from the City's funds
38 as follows:
39 \$1,000,000 from the contingency line item;
40 \$1,000,000 from the City's Fund Balance;
41 \$1,085,474 from the road paving line item;
42 \$ 600,000 from the legal department; and
43 \$ 300,000 from the fire department overtime line item; and
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45 WHEREAS, the parameters for this repayment and supplemental appropriation are the
46 following:

- 47 1. The Warwick School Committee and the City will execute mutual releases
48 acknowledging that the repayment terms stated herein and the supplemental
49 appropriation described herein are in full settlement of any and all claims that the
50 School Committee has for additional funding for fiscal years 2018-2019 and 2019-
51 2020; and
52 2. The Warwick School Committee will conduct a thorough review of each of its
53 budgeted line items in comparison to comparable districts, such as Cranston, and to
54 prepare a detailed report of such, which it will disseminate to the City Council at least
55 six (6) months prior to submitting its proposed budget for the 2020-2021 academic
56 year; and
57 3. The Warwick School Committee will develop a plan of action to reduce expenditures,
58 and will prepare a detailed report of such, which it will disseminate to the City
59 Council at least four (4) months prior to submitting its proposed budget for the 2020-
60 2021 academic year; and
61 4. The Warwick School Committee will allow the City Council or its designated
62 representatives to participate in the entirety of the process for both the above stated
63 review and the development of a plan of action, without limitation.
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65 WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the above referenced repayment and
66 supplemental appropriation to the Warwick School Department for the fiscal year ending June
67 30, 2019 and for the fiscal year that commenced on July 1, 2019 should be approved.
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69 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby:
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- 71 1. Authorizes that the \$4 Million needed by the School Department to fund the deficit in
72 fiscal year 2018-2019 be repaid to the City without interest at \$1 Million per year
73 commencing July 1, 2019;
74 2. Appropriates Three Million Nine Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-
75 four (\$3,985,474.00) Dollars to the School Department by the City for the fiscal year

76 2019-2020 to fund items No. 1 through No. 17 on the Exhibit attached hereto with the
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103 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the members of
104 the Warwick School Committee, the Superintendent of the Warwick School Department, the
105 Finance Director of the City and the Mayor.

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107 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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111 SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN MEROLLA
112 COUNCILMAN SINAPI
113 COUNCILMAN CORLEY
114 COUNCILMAN RIX
115 COUNCILMAN HOWE
116 COUNCILMAN MCELROY
117 COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR
118 COUNCILWOMAN TRAVIS
119 COUNCILMAN MCALLISTER

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121 COMMITTEE: FINANCE