Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2013 - 094 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING BILL S 280 PROMOTING THE FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID AMONG ALL CHILDREN IN NEW JERSEY EQUALLY AND FAIRLY

WHEREAS, the current distribution of state aid is unfair to the children of this municipality; and

WHEREAS, West Milford residents are constantly challenged to maintain excellent education services amid increasing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are constantly seeking measures to help protect the economic well-being of the Township and its residents; and

WHEREAS, recently proposed legislation, entitled "An Act concerning State school aid and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes" would fundamentally alter the distribution of state aid towards education; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires that the New Jersey Department of Education determine each public school district's projected resident enrollment (TDE) for the budget year and the total Statewide public school resident enrollment (TSE) of children between the ages of five and eighteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, the bill also requires that the State Treasurer determine the total projected revenue from the State income tax (TITR) for the budget year; and

WHEREAS, the bill sets forth that state aid for each school district (TDSA) for the budget year shall be determined pursuant to the following formula: (TITR/TSE) x TDE = TDSA; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the above referenced formula it is anticipated that the Township of West Milford could realize significant savings of approximately $723.00 per person or $1,753.00 per household.

WHEREAS, if passed, the bill would provide equitable education funding and promote the Township's ability to provide education services and resources to the children of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the State Senate of the State of New Jersey to support Bill S 280; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all of the Township's Legislature Representatives and the Bill's Sponsor, Senator Mike Doherty.

Adopted: March 20, 2013

Adopted this 20th day of March, 2013
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk