

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2016 - 185 ~

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING BILL S 569 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 "Establishes a formula for the distribution of State aid to school districts" 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:  $TDSA = (TITR/TSE) \times TDE$ ; and

**WHEREAS**, utilizing the above referenced formula with data from the NJ Department of Treasury and NJ Department of Education for every \$1.00 sent to Trenton as income tax the Township of West Milford receives \$0.61 or (\$14,597,029) and \$1.51 or (\$36,229,598) under the Fair School Funding Plan; and

**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 569; 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 Michael Doherty and Co-Sponsors Senators Steven J. Oroho, Joseph Pennacchio, Christopher J. Connors, James W. Holzapfel and Anthony R. Bucco.

Adopted: May 18, 2016

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk