

Township of West Milford

~ Resolution 2016 – 268 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING THE FUNDING CHANGE OF ANY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE SHIFT IN THE TAX BURDEN FROM LOCAL TO COUNTY TO SUPPORT PASSAIC COUNTY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (PCTI)

WHEREAS various Board of Education Resolutions have been circulated proposing to increase the county tax levy used to support the PCTI (Passaic County Technical Institute) annual budget and to reduce the tuition charged to local districts and hence also the local school tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic funds 9% of the PCTI budget, which is the statutory minimum; and

WHEREAS, 51% of the PCTI budget comes from tuition payments, each sending district pays for the number of students they send; and

WHEREAS, the current formula of 9%/51% could change to a 30% county tax levy and 30% tuition payments; and

WHEREAS, the increased amount of the county tax levy is apportioned based upon each municipality's percentage of the total county equalized valuations; and

WHEREAS, the tuition would be reduced by an amount equal to the increased county share of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the tuition reduction for each municipality would depend upon the number of students attending PCT and a decrease in the local school property tax in an amount equal to the increase in the county tax; and

WHEREAS, the increase in each municipalities county share of taxes varies according to the equalized valuation and the reduction in the tuition (and hence the local school tax) varies according to the number of students, each municipality would be affected differently; and

WHEREAS, five surrounding municipalities would receive a decrease in local property tax and eleven municipalities would receive an increase in local property taxes, West Milford would be an increase; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the Board of Education not to change the funding formulas for PCTI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, West Milford Board of Education, the Township's Legislative Representatives and all Passaic County municipalities.

Adopted: August 17, 2016

Adopted this 17th day of August, 2016
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Administrator/Clerk