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A Resolution of the Hingham School Committee on Funding Chapter 70

The Hingham School Committee wishes to be recorded in support of the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission relative to funding the Foundation Budget (Chapter 70).

The Foundation Budget Review Commission ("FBRC") was established by the Legislature in the FY16 budget and was charged with examining the Foundation Budget (Chapter 70) formula; and

The formula was first established as part of the Education Reform legislation in 1993 and has not been thoroughly reviewed or updated since that time; and

The FBRC found that the current formula understates costs significantly in two areas: Employee Health Insurance and Special Education; and

The Massachusetts Foundation Budget significantly understates the true cost of educating students in the Commonwealth and has failed to keep pace with rising costs; and

This underfunding means the cost of providing a quality education has increasingly been borne by local communities, most often at the expense of other vital municipal operations; and

State and local economies are most effectively strengthened by investing in education and increasing the number of well-educated workers; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE as follows:

That we, the members of the Hingham School Committee, request the Massachusetts Legislature and the Governor of Massachusetts to fully fund and adopt the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission in the immediate future.

This resolution adopted by vote of the Hingham School Committee on the 21st of May, 2018.

Vote: 7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain