

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Resolution

Date: June 23, 2020

Dept: School Committee

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

School Committee Resolution: "COVID-19 State Funding"

I recommend the School Committee adopt the School Committee Resolution "COVID-19 State Funding" as discussed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
A Bergen:	Y / N T Keenan: Y / N
J D'Angelo:	Y / N M J Scofield: Y / N
J Pond-Pfeffer:	Y / N D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N Action: _____



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To: Franklin School Committee
From: Sara E. Ahern, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Re: Proposed School Committee Resolutions
Date: June 18, 2020

On May 28, FEA President, Donna Grady, forwarded a Resolution in Support of Educational Funding in the COVID-19 ERA for consideration by the Franklin School Committee.

Additionally, MASC has prepared a Resolution "COVID-19 State Funding". As of June 18, 45 School Committees have adopted this resolution.

MASC has also prepared a Resolution "Anti-Racism Resolution" for your consideration.

All three resolutions are included in your packet for your review and consideration.

I recommend that the School Committee adopt all three resolutions as discussed.

**FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:
COVID-19 STATE FUNDING**

DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: Governor Charlie Baker
Education Secretary James Peyser
Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley
Senate President Karen Spilka
House Speaker Robert DeLeo
Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Jason Lewis
Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Alice Peisch

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

THERE CAN BE NO UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR COVID-19.

Respectfully,
Franklin School Committee

Dr. Anne Bergen, School Committee Chair
Jennifer D'Angelo
Timothy Keenan
Judith Pond-Pfeffer
Mary Jane Scofield
Denise Spencer
Elise Stokes