

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 334

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ August 11, 2008

WHEREAS, Currently, the FY 2009 School Department budget decreases the number of teacher assistant positions in kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Teacher assistants improve student performance, especially at the elementary level, by increasing the amount of one-on-one instruction schoolchildren receive, allowing teachers to better address each student's individual needs, and lowering behavioral problems in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, The State failed to establish a comprehensive formula to adequately fund Rhode Island's school systems; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has consistently increased funding to Providence schools while the State has not; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has obtained legal assistance to seek litigation compelling the State to enact a reliable and equitable funding formula for education; and

WHEREAS, The insufficient support from the State has forced the cities and towns of Rhode Island to make extremely difficult decisions with regard to how they allocate the limited resources to the education of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request the Providence School Board, through the Providence School Department, undertake a fully reasonable effort to restore the funding of teacher assistants to kindergarten and Grade 1 classrooms throughout Providence public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption, copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Providence School Board as well as the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer of the Providence School Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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PRES.

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Mayor's Signature:

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