

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 333

Approved July 31, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Providence approved a budget based upon the education aid figures in the budget approved by the Rhode Island House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, The budget for the Providence Public Schools incorporated, in addition to an increase of more than \$3 million in City funds, the increases contemplated by the House budget for formula aid and English Language Learner aid; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Senate approved changes to the budget that do not affect education aid; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island House did not accept these changes, but instead adjourned; and

WHEREAS, The State's two legislative branches have not reached agreement on a State budget, based on issues that are unrelated to State education aid; and

WHEREAS, As a result of that disagreement, the State currently is operating under last year's budget, which includes substantially less State aid than what was included in the 2017-18 Rhode Island House budget; and

WHEREAS, The reduction of more than \$10 million in State aid from the 2017-18 Providence Public Schools budget will make it impossible to provide all students with either a quality education or one that meets the requirements of the State's Basic Education Plan; and



WHEREAS, The current uncertainty regarding the budget is jeopardizing plans for the upcoming schools year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby urges the Speaker of the Rhode Island House and the President of the Rhode Island Senate immediately to call their respective bodies into session and approve an education budget article, as well as all other budget articles upon which the two legislative bodies agree.


IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 7/31/17