

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 467

Approved October 9, 2018

WHEREAS, The Providence Public School Department serves approximately twenty four thousand (24,000) students; and

WHEREAS, Students are the most precious resource the City of Providence has, and they, as well as school employees, should feel safe and secure while in school; and

WHEREAS, Currently, municipalities in the State of Rhode Island do not have the authority to craft and deliver their own conflict resolution curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Conflict resolution curriculum will allow staff and students the ability to peacefully de-escalate conflicts and work together towards resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Allowing for local control will better equip municipalities to create curriculum that is relevant to their communities and best serves their students and school employees; and

WHEREAS, As they are the future of our city, and the employees are the hand that guides them, it is the top priority of the Providence City Council to equip our schools with the appropriate tools to keep students and staff safe; and

WHEREAS, As public servants and the elected representatives of the people of Providence, the City Council has a moral obligation to ensure that students and school employees feel equipped to handle conflict and go to safe and secure schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass legislation allowing municipalities the authority to put forth conflict resolution curriculum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the elected Rhode Island House and Senate representatives of the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

10/9/18