

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 456

*Approved* July 14, 2000

WHEREAS, The National Campaign to Fully Fund IDEA (NCFI) is a national, nonpartisan, collaborative, grassroots effort made up of parents, school board members, educators, school administrators, business leaders, disability organizations, advocates, students and public servants working together to improve education for all children in America, and

WHEREAS, The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was designated to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasized special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for employment and independent living, and

WHEREAS, Provision of these services, while ethically and educationally sound, places a financial burden on local education budgets, and

WHEREAS, The members of the North Smithfield Special Education Local Advisory committee is circulating a petition to collect one million signatures of individuals who support a commitment by the Federal Government to provide states maximum grants of 40% of the average per-pupil expenditure in public and elementary schools throughout the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council hereby supports this petition and encourages the federal government to accept financial responsibility for the IDEA mandates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to all members of the Providence legislative delegation asking for their support.

Council Minutes Lombardi (By Request)

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CITY COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED  
PRES.  
Michael J. Ceraso  
CLERK

APPROVED

JUL 14 2000  
Mayor Duhaime  
MAYOR