

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 283

Approved April 20, 2018

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released the "State of Rhode Island Schoolhouses" report, which contains detailed information regarding the condition of Rhode Island's school facilities; and

WHEREAS, This report "identified more than \$2.2 billion in facility deficiency costs to meet aspirational standards," \$627.6 million of which is required to make Rhode Island's school buildings warm, safe, and dry; and

WHEREAS, Conditions that exist currently in some of Rhode Island's school buildings result in facilities that are drafty, have poor indoor air quality, are inefficient in their energy usage, and pose a serious health and safety risk to the students, teachers, staff, and community members who enter these buildings; and

WHEREAS, When such conditions exist in school buildings, they cause disruptions, distractions, and illness, all of which can have a negative impact on academic performance, health, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, According to Rhode Island General Law § 16-2-17(a), "Each student, staff member, teacher, and administrator has a right to attend and/or work at a school which is safe and secure, and which is conducive to learning;" and

WHEREAS, Repairing Rhode Island's school infrastructure will have a significant and positive impact on our community; and

WHEREAS, The Governor, in January 2018, proposed a school construction plan in Articles 5 and 9 of the Rhode Island State Budget for fiscal year 2019 (H-7200) that would provide assistance, guidance, and incentives to cities, towns, and school districts as they work to invest in much-needed school facility construction and renovation projects; and

WHEREAS, This plan includes funding that will ensure projects are developed, executed, completed, and maintained in a proper, efficient, and timely manner, in order to encourage immediate action toward making facility repairs and to protect these substantial community investments; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence strongly supports Articles 5 and 9 of H-7200 and urges members of the General Assembly to work diligently for its passage.

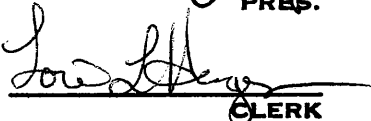
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon execution, copies of this resolution be sent to the member of the Providence delegation in the State House, and the Governor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

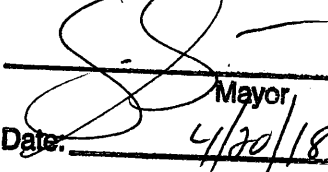
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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 4/20/18