

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 114

*Approved* February 10, 2011

WHEREAS, A strong Providence public school system is the most important factor in improving the lives of young people in our capital city; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly in 2010 approved a new funding formula which provides for a fair and predictable education funding formula for Rhode Island municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The multi-year phase in of the education funding formula will result in Providence and many other communities being under-funded in FY 2011, as well as future years; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Coalition of Municipal Leaders—a group of Rhode Island municipal elected officials and managers that advocates for the interest of municipal taxpayers—has identified that 75 percent of the residents in the state of Rhode Island have historically been and continue to be under funded by the State of Rhode Island in relation to school funding; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is being under-funded by over \$29 million in the current Rhode Island FY2011 budget; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence, and the cities/towns of Barrington, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Johnston, Lincoln, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, Warwick, West Warwick, Westerly and Woonsocket have historically been under-funded with regard to education funding, and continue to be under-funded in the Rhode Island FY 2011 budget in the total amount of \$84,245,425; and

WHEREAS, The proposed phase-in for the new Rhode Island school funding formula will cost Providence schools and residents \$76 million over the next three years and \$118 million over the next seven years; and

WHEREAS, The proposed phase-in for the new Rhode Island school funding formula will cost the city of Providence, and the cities/towns of Barrington, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Johnston, Lincoln, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, Warwick, West Warwick, Westerly and Woonsocket a total of \$215,668,288 in the next three years and \$336,139,246 in the next seven years (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, The above communities in Rhode Island with combined populations totaling 796,992 residents have been over-taxed as a result of being historically under-funded in state education aid for years; and

WHEREAS, The long history of under-funding education in these communities has resulted in inadequate resources for thousands of students, impacting student achievement and school performance.

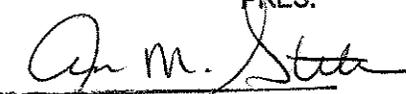
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby:

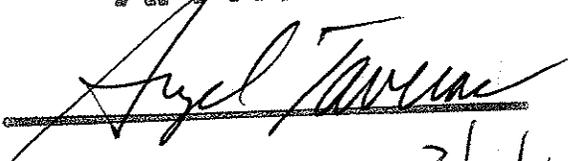
Section 1: Support a plan endorsed by the Rhode Island Coalition of Municipal Leaders to accelerate the allocation of the proposed phase-in of the state education funding formula to communities that have historically been—and continue to be—under-funded, through the use of \$32.9 million dollars of federal education funds that former Governor Carcieri proposed using to fill a gap in the FY2011 State Budget; and

Section 2: Urge the Rhode Island General Assembly to approve the use of the \$32.9 million of federal education funds for this purpose, and that the funds be distributed directly to the municipalities which have been identified in the 2010 state school funding formula as being under-funded (see attached RIDE document Attachment B.); and

Section 3: Support the RI Coalition of Municipal Leaders' proposal that the \$32.9 million of federal education funds be distributed based on the communities' percentage of the total state funding shortfall in the FY2011 state budget (see attachment A, last column), and to provide the communities with relief from the maintenance of effort where appropriate to allow communities the flexibility in the use of these funds in order to provide property tax relief.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon approval, a copy of this resolution be delivered to the members of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and to Governor Lincoln Chafee.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB - 7 2011  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
  
MAYOR 2/10/11

ATTACHMENT A

	Populatio	<u>\$ under funded</u>	3 yr loss	7 yr loss	% under Funded	Distribution of \$32,900,000
Barrington	16819	\$ 4,475,117	\$ 11,456,300	\$ 17,855,717	\$ 0.05312	\$1,747,848.01
Coventry	33688	\$ 3,480,264	\$ 8,909,476	\$ 13,886,253	\$ 0.04131	\$1,359,132.39
Cranston	81,479	\$ 10,880,627	\$ 27,854,405	\$ 43,413,702	\$ 0.12915	\$4,249,164.01
Cumberland	31840	\$ 4,784,336	\$ 12,247,900	\$ 19,089,501	\$ 0.05679	\$1,868,405.96
East Greenwich	12948	\$ 498,862	\$ 1,277,087	\$ 1,990,459	\$ 0.00592	\$194,818.41
East Providence	49,123	\$ 4,189,191	\$ 10,724,329	\$ 16,714,872	\$ 0.04973	\$1,635,986.57
Johnston	28195	\$ 2,842,918	\$ 7,277,870	\$ 11,343,243	\$ 0.03375	\$1,110,232.42
Lincoln	20898	\$ 3,690,707	\$ 8,448,210	\$ 14,725,921	\$ 0.04381	\$1,441,315.78
Narragansett	18381	\$ 47,583	\$ 121,812	\$ 189,856	\$ 0.00056	\$18,582.38
New Shoreham	1010	\$ 43,784	\$ 112,036	\$ 174,618	\$ 0.00052	\$17,090.96
North Providence	32411	\$ 689,819	\$ 1,765,937	\$ 2,752,378	\$ 0.00819	\$269,392.02
North Smithfield	10618	\$ 1,983,802	\$ 5,078,533	\$ 7,915,370	\$ 0.02355	\$774,725.58
Pawtucket	72,998	\$ 7,412,744	\$ 18,978,625	\$ 29,576,849	\$ 0.08799	\$2,894,866.73
Providence	173,255	\$ 29,697,801	\$ 76,026,371	\$ 118,494,226	\$ 0.35252	\$11,597,753.27
Scituate	10324	\$ 964,104	\$ 2,468,106	\$ 3,846,775	\$ 0.01144	\$376,507.35
Smithfield	28613	\$ 588,809	\$ 1,507,351	\$ 2,349,348	\$ 0.00699	\$229,945.02
Warwick	85,925	\$ 2,040,991	\$ 5,224,937	\$ 8,143,554	\$ 0.02423	\$797,059.36
West Warwick	29,581	\$ 333,816	\$ 854,569	\$ 1,331,926	\$ 0.00396	\$130,363.71
Westerly	22,966	\$ 1,380,217	\$ 3,533,358	\$ 5,607,066	\$ 0.01638	\$539,010.15
Woonsocket	43,940	\$ 4,219,953	\$ 10,803,080	\$ 16,837,812	\$ 0.05009	\$1,647,999.92
	796992	\$ 84,245,425	\$ 215,668,288	\$ 338,139,249		\$32,900,000.00
	74.60%					

## ATTACHMENT B

Proposed Funding Formula  
Comparison of 62.5% State Support to 50% State Support

LEA	Original Formula \$ Change	Value of Updated State Share Ratio	Proposed Formula \$ Change
BARRINGTON	\$3,770,867	\$704,450	\$4,475,117
BEACON CHARTER	(\$395,890)	\$13,284	(\$382,606)
BLACKSTONE ACADEMY	(\$276,843)	(\$14,066)	(\$290,909)
BRISTOL-WARREN	(\$9,140,576)	\$551,772	(\$8,588,804)
BURRILLVILLE	(\$1,327,191)	\$257,815	(\$1,069,376)
CENTRAL FALLS	(\$12,564,017)	\$49,236	(\$12,514,781)
CHARIHO	(\$398,335)	\$0	(\$398,335)
CHARLESTOWN	(\$518,543)	\$0	(\$518,543)
COMPASS CHARTER	(\$370,392)	\$18,032	(\$352,360)
COVENTRY	\$2,867,117	\$813,147	\$3,480,264
CRANSTON	\$9,629,400	\$1,251,227	\$10,880,627
CUMBERLAND	\$4,082,083	\$702,253	\$4,784,336
DAVIES C&T	(\$8,700,487)	\$14,626	(\$8,685,861)
DEMOCRACY PREP	(\$113,633)	\$1,128	(\$112,406)
EAST GREENWICH	(\$26,890)	\$625,752	\$498,862
EAST PROVIDENCE	\$3,691,012	\$597,179	\$4,188,191
EXETER-W. GREEN.	(\$2,368,852)	\$348,059	(\$2,018,593)
FOSTER	(\$688,808)	\$42,140	(\$646,668)
FOSTER-GLOC.	(\$773,180)	\$208,628	(\$564,552)
GLOCESTER	(\$961,108)	\$80,934	(\$880,174)
HIGHLANDER CHARTER	(\$660,950)	\$16,473	(\$644,477)
HOPKINTON	(\$1,191,486)	\$164,089	(\$1,027,396)
INTERNATIONAL CHARTER	(\$698,016)	\$3,852	(\$694,163)
JAMESTOWN	(\$219,750)	\$0	(\$219,750)
JOHNSTON	\$2,404,013	\$436,905	\$2,840,918
KINGSTON HILL ACADEMY	(\$517,265)	\$25,671	(\$491,594)
LEARNING COMMUNITY	(\$620,602)	(\$39,418)	(\$660,020)
LINCOLN	\$3,178,318	\$512,391	\$3,890,707
LITTLE COMPTON	(\$187,905)	\$0	(\$187,905)
MET CENTER	(\$8,175,897)	\$41,137	(\$8,134,760)
MIDDLETOWN	(\$3,128,425)	\$404,381	(\$2,724,044)
NARRAGANSETT	\$47,583	\$0	\$47,583
NEW ENG LABORERS	(\$657,734)	\$26,347	(\$631,387)
NEW SHOREHAM	\$43,764	\$0	\$43,764
NEWPORT	(\$1,662,083)	\$0	(\$1,662,083)
NORTH KINGSTOWN	(\$820,148)	\$738,789	(\$83,359)
NORTH PROVIDENCE	\$269,791	\$420,028	\$689,819
NORTH SMITHFIELD	\$1,715,193	\$268,809	\$1,983,802
PAUL CUFFEE	(\$888,782)	\$19,282	(\$869,500)
PAWTUCKET	\$6,925,983	\$488,781	\$7,414,744
PORTSMOUTH	(\$2,668,358)	\$593,470	(\$2,074,888)
PROVIDENCE	\$28,867,235	\$1,030,566	\$29,897,801
RICHMOND	(\$1,811,550)	\$172,708	(\$1,638,842)
SCITUATE	\$651,832	\$312,272	\$964,104
SEGUE INSTITUTE	(\$83,851)	(\$18,900)	(\$102,751)
SMITHFIELD	\$97,315	\$491,494	\$588,809
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	(\$3,843,206)	\$676,956	(\$3,166,250)
TEXTRON	(\$432,030)	\$9,387	(\$422,643)
TIMES <sup>2</sup> ACADEMY	(\$1,404,801)	\$26,580	(\$1,378,221)
TIVERTON	(\$1,498,022)	\$358,148	(\$1,139,874)
WARWICK	\$444,362	\$1,596,629	\$2,040,991
WEST WARWICK	\$11,979	\$321,837	\$333,816
WESTERLY	\$1,014,888	\$365,329	\$1,380,217
WOONSOCKET	\$3,976,846	\$243,117	\$4,219,963
TOTAL ALL	\$3,480,760	\$14,877,500	\$18,161,069
CHARIHO COMBINED	(\$3,917,913)	\$336,807	(\$3,581,106)

Note: This analysis represents a snapshot in time, assumes full transition of the proposed funding formula, and can change significantly if funding and/or enrollments increase or decrease.