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I hereby certify that the following is a true and exact excerpt from the minutes of the Public Board of Education Meeting held on September 4, 2019 at which time a quorum was present:

A motion was made by Ms. Kolupanowich and seconded by Ms. Arminio that members of the Monroe Township Board of Education approve the following resolution by consent roll call:

WHEREAS, in its continuing fight for fundamental fairness in State Aid School Funding over the past decade, during which the Board and the Administration have engaged in countless meetings with state officials, providing statistical data demonstrating the District's inequitable underfunding; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has expended countless hours writing legislation, which was sponsored by Senator Linda Greenstein; and

WHEREAS, District representatives and community members have provided testimony before the Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness and before the Assembly Education Committee on School Funding Fairness; and

WHEREAS, the tax impact on the community has been extraordinary, resulting in residents of the Township having to contribute 86% of all revenues to support the schools through the local tax levy; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019-2020 school budget, state aid per pupil is less than \$850 per pupil and;

WHEREAS, the District has experienced consistent increasing student enrollment of an additional 910 students over the past seven years; and

WHEREAS, the District has consumed excess surplus to make up for revenue shortfalls, which has resulted in a 50% depletion of excess surplus over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, existing and future facility needs in the District are in excess of \$8,000,000 according to the Long Range Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019-2020 school budget, special education programs in the District exceeded \$30,000,000, which is ten times the amount of categorical special education aid of \$3,000,000 that the District receives; and

WHEREAS, the cost of security personnel and security vestibule enhancements have exceeded \$1,000,000 in the 2019-2020 school budget, which is ten times the amount of categorical security aid of \$100,000 that the District receives; and

WHEREAS, the District has unique costs attributable to the cost of transportation, resulting in the requirement to transport over 97% of the students in the District due to municipal infrastructure limitations; and

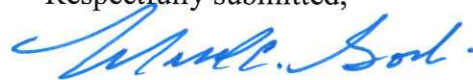
WHEREAS, as a result of two failed referenda, the District is required to lease portable instructional classroom units at a projected cost in the millions of dollars, which will supplant existing programs and services in the capped General Fund Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe Township Board of Education hereby:

- (1) Implores the Legislature to support a new funding formula because the Pathway to Full Funding (S2) is projected to increase state aid to the District in an insufficient amount, which will not keep pace with enrollment growth and other needs in the District.
- (2) Directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Senate President, all legislators representing Monroe Township and the Commissioner of Education.

Roll Call 9-0-0-0-0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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