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**THE CITY OF WARWICK**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**RESOLUTION OF THE WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

*Date November 30, 2011.*

*Approved: Bethany A. Furtado, Chair*

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MAYORAL ACADEMIES**

*RESOLVED, that*

*Whereas*, a formal application to the Rhode Island Department of Education to open K-5 Achievement First Mayoral Academies (two elementary schools, with one elementary school to open in Fall of 2013) was submitted to the Rhode Island Board of Regents by Angel Tavaras, Mayor of Providence on behalf of Achievement First and the mayors of Warwick, Cranston, and North Providence; and

*Whereas*, based on test scores and the latest indicators used by the RIDE, sixteen (16) of the sixteen (16) elementary schools and two (2) of the (3) of junior high schools that in the Warwick Public Schools continue to reach Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP); and

*Whereas*, the Park Elementary School has been honored with the distinction of being a Blue Ribbon School; and

*Whereas*, the Warwick Public Schools needs millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements to its buildings to keep them in compliance with fire code, other health and safety regulations and to render them conducive to a 21<sup>st</sup> century education; and

*Whereas*, the City of Warwick has failed to issue bond money to address the district's infrastructure issues which was previously approved by the Rhode Island General Assembly and the taxpayers of the City of Warwick; and

*Whereas*, the Warwick Public Schools requires millions of dollars in academic improvements for curriculum work, textbooks, technology and instructional technique in order to maintain a quality education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

*Whereas*, for the fiscal years, 2010, 2011 and 2012, the City of Warwick adopted a budget with property revenue of \$203,718,000, \$207,094,000 and \$214,157,578 respectively, thereby generating a total of \$13,815.575 in new tax revenue for the three year period; and

*Whereas*, Warwick Public Schools for the same period of time incurred a reduction of community support of \$6,198,436 from 2010 to 2011 and is budgeted to receive \$5,323,436 less than the 2010 allocation thereby experiencing a total reduction of community support of \$11,521,872 for the same period in which community taxes were raised; and

1 *Whereas*, neither Mayor Avedisian nor the other mayors involved in the Mayoral Academy have  
2 addressed where funding for the proposed Mayoral Academy will come from; and

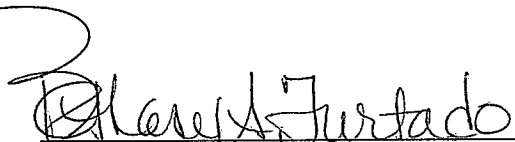
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4 *Whereas*, the current funding formula process re-directs the entire per pupil cost to charter schools  
5 including the Mayoral Academy, including those fixed costs that cannot be reduced on a per pupil ba-  
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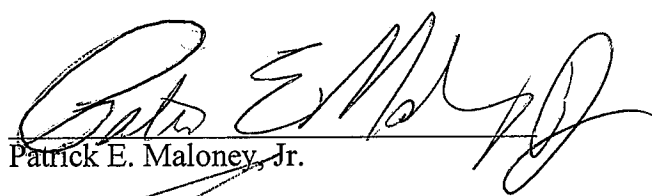
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8 *Whereas* the state aid funding reduction of approximately \$3,300 per pupil plus the obligation to pay  
9 tuition from the district to these Mayoral Academies of \$9,300 per pupil, will thereby cost Warwick  
10 Public Schools approximately \$12,600 per pupil minus the incremental cost per pupil for providing  
11 that student with materials and supplies; and

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13 *Whereas*, if Warwick students constituted twenty percent of a maximum student enrollment of 920  
14 students in the proposed Mayoral Academy, the economic impact would approximate \$1,998,000 per  
15 year, resulting in a devastating economic hardship to the district, its programs and our students.

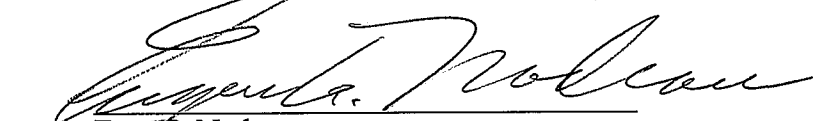
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17 Be it **RESOLVED** that the Warwick School Committee voices its opposition to the proposed  
18 Mayoral Academies until such time as the Warwick Public Schools are funded at a sufficient lev-  
19 el to address its infrastructure and academic needs and maintain its programs to the BEP level;  
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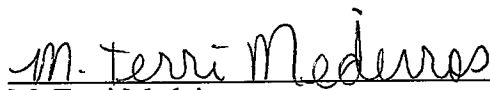
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22 Be it **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the Board of  
23 Regents, Governor Chafee, Speaker of the House Fox, Senate President Paiva-Weed, and the leg-  
24 islative delegation from the City of Warwick, the Warwick City Council and the Honorable Scott  
25 Avedisian.

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