

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL 1.3 MILLION
DOLLARS TO THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT IF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
COMMITTS TO UTILIZE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS
FOR SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the School Committee has cut funding for school sports programs for the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does not agree with the School Committee’s decision to cut sports programs from their budget for the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, the School Committee has represented that an additional \$1.3 Million is necessary to fund school sports in the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the City Council that all parties are interested in funding school sports for the upcoming school year in a timely manner to avoid the hardships and scheduling issues that would occur if resolution of this matter does not happen immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council commits through this Resolution that it will appropriate an additional \$1.3 Million Dollars to the School Department for fiscal year 2020 for funding of the 2019-2020 sports programs in the School Department, provided that the Warwick School Committee first commits, through a duly adopted Resolution of the School Committee, that all of the said newly appropriated funds will be used for, and only for, the 2019-2020 school sports programs; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the additional funding by the School Committee for school sports in the 2019-2020 school year would not act as a release by the School Committee or preclude the School Committee from pursuing all other available options relative to their requests for additional funding over and above \$1.3 Million, including, but not limited to, negotiations and mediation with the City and/or pursuit of remedies at law available to the

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby commits through this Resolution that it will appropriate an additional \$1.3 Million Dollars to the School Department for fiscal year 2020 for funding of the 2019-2020 sports programs in the School Department, provided that the Warwick School Committee first commits, through a duly adopted Resolution of the School Committee, that all of the said newly appropriated funds will be used for, and only for, the 2019-2020 school sports programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that acceptance of the additional funding by the School Committee for school sports in the 2019-2020 school year would not act as a release by the School Committee or preclude the School Committee from pursuing all other available options relative to their requests for additional funding over and above \$1.3 Million, including, but not limited to, negotiations and mediation with the City and/or pursuit of remedies at law available to the School Committee.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor, the City Finance Director, the members of the Warwick School Committee and the Superintendent of the School Department.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MEROLLA
COUNCILMAN CORLEY
COUNCILMAN RIX
COUNCILMAN HOWE
COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR
COUNCILWOMAN TRAVIS
COUNCILMAN MCALLISTER
COUNCILMAN SINAPI

COMMITTEE: UNANIMOUS CONSENT