

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

APPROVED.....MAYOR

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WARWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO
APPEAR BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 19, 2018 TO ADDRESS
WHAT HAPPENED TO TAXPAYER FUNDED EDUCATION EQUIPMENT**

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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, equipment used in educating students, such as laptops, overhead projectors, LCD projectors, white boards, smart boards, projection equipment, desktop computers and printers were acquired by the school department with funds from taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported to the City Council that the equipment was collected up by the school department administration from classrooms and from teachers without prior notice to the teachers; and

WHEREAS, it has also been reported to the City Council that in collecting the equipment, personal property of teachers was also taken by the school department administration; and

WHEREAS, since the collection of the equipment was done without notice to the teachers there was an adverse impact on lesson plans and there continues to be an adverse impact in classrooms; and

WHEREAS, some of the personal property that was taken has been returned; but not all of it has been returned and people have not been compensated for the property that was taken; and

WHEREAS, the equipment that was collected by the school administration was fully operational and functional for educating students; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has serious concerns about what happened to the equipment that was acquired with funding from taxpayers and desires an explanation from

32 the Warwick school department administration about why the equipment was collected;
33 where the equipment is now; and what will be done with the equipment.

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35 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby requests the
36 Warwick school department administration appear at the City Council meeting on March 19,
37 2018 to explain why the equipment acquired with funding from taxpayers and personal property
38 of teachers was collected; address where the equipment and property is now and further address
39 what will be done with the equipment, as well as, address what will be done to compensate
40 people for personal property that was collected and not returned to them.

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42 The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Members of
43 the Warwick School Committee and the Superintendent of the School Department.

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45 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN HOWE
COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR

COMMITTEE: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE