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Via Email

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Ms. Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Co Chair

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Funding Formula Working Group

Dear Co Chair Burke Bryant and Co Chair Sweitzer,

Thank you for the work that your Funding Formula Working Group has invested in your deliberations relative to your review of the Rhode Island education funding formula.

On behalf of the Barrington School Committee, I would like to express the unanimous support of the School Committee for the continued implementation of the School Funding Formula as it was enacted in 2011.

Barrington is one of the 26 districts with net state gains and, as such, is in Year 5 of a seven year transition period. Barrington has received a total of \$3.4m in increased state aid per the 2011 legislation. The Barrington Public Schools district has realized multiple education initiatives, including implementation of an All Day Kindergarten program, with support from the School Funding Formula.

The Barrington School Committee would be opposed to the introduction of any disruption to the transition period as defined in the 2011 legislation.

It is critical that, in a state that is so highly reliant upon local taxes to fund public education, we continue to advocate for support of the adequacy of public school funding at the state level. We support the focused effort to ensure educational opportunity to every student in every city or town on equal terms.

Sincerely,

Kate D. Brody

Chair, Barrington School Committee

cc: Representative Joy Hearn
Representative Jan Malik
Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne