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**Glocester School Committee Resolution**  
**Regarding Reduction in State Aid**

**Whereas,** Our students are experiencing trauma, learning loss and increased time away from school due to circumstances of Covid 19, including quarantining as a “close contact” and

**Whereas,** A reduction in state aid may accelerate learning loss for students, and

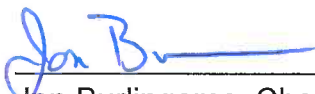
**Whereas,** A reduction of this amount (\$95,000/18 students) makes a significant impact on our budget and may force the district to terminate a teacher or teacher assistants, which would reduce the ability of the district to effectively respond to additional Covid-related responsibilities, and


**Whereas,** Local Education Agencies are bound by State Maintenance of Effort requirements to maintain an amount not less than its local contribution for schools in the previous fiscal year <sup>(1)</sup>, in addition to a minimum of 3% of the operating budget dedicated exclusively for maintenance expenditures in fiscal year 2022-2023. <sup>(2)</sup>

**Whereas,** The State of Rhode Island realized a surplus of \$332 million for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and is forecasting a \$618 million surplus for the current 2021-2022 year. <sup>(1)</sup>

**Therefore:** An increase in state aid is needed, not a decrease, in order to provide the supports and personnel required to accelerate learning for all of our students.

**Resolved:** The Glocester School Committee requests that RIDE, the Governor’s Office and State leadership reconsider the reduction in state aid as a result of the consequences of Covid 19 and restore full funding to the Glocester School Department.

  
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Jon Burlingame, Chair  
Glocester School Committee

  
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Date

Citations:

- 1) <https://www.providencejournal.com/story/news/politics/2021/11/16/ri-budget-surplus-on-target-to-reach-618-million-dollars-this-year/6403202001/>
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