

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-256

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG
HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
URGING THE STATE, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES, TO KEEP SCHOOL BASED YOUTH
SERVICES IN SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, School Based Youth Services is a collaborative partnership with the State of New Jersey, Department of Children and Families (NJDCF), which provides essential mental health services and personalized prevention programs to youth directly in the schools; and

WHEREAS, NJDCF intends, under a proposal titled the NJ Statewide Student Support Services (NJ4S) network, to launch a statewide, hub-and-spoke model of services and resources and to move SBYS out of schools and into these “hubs”; and

WHEREAS, a hub-and-spoke model will not provide immediate access to mental health services to youth in the Township of Little Egg Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee does not support the elimination of State Based Youth Services programs in schools and the denial of immediate access to services, as delineated under the NJ4S proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Township Committee urges the Department of Children and Families to expand the current School Based Youth Services model and to not implement the NJ4S hub-and-spoke model with available funding.
2. That the Township Committee opposes the removal of the SBYSP from schools as it will affect immediate access to services.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Governor Murphy, Pinelands Regional School District and the 9th District Legislators.

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CERTIFICATION

I, **KELLY LETTERA, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the **10th** day of **November, 2022**.



KELLY LETTERA, RMC
Township Clerk
Township of Little Egg Harbor

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