

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 155

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, STRONGLY URGING THE GOVERNOR TO REINSTATE CRITICAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH SERVICES IN THE STATE FISCAL 2021 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy's revised fiscal 2021 budget cuts nearly \$12 million for the Office of School Linked Services within the Department of Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100 programs funded through the office are school-based youth services such as mental health counseling, employment counseling, substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, pregnancy prevention and sexual assault prevention; and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts would cause the closing of the local office for Pinelands Regional School District and have a detrimental effect upon students and their families in the Township; and

WHEREAS, school-based services are a vital resource for local families in Little Egg Harbor Township, who are facing additional challenges related to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the governing body strongly urges the State of New Jersey and the Governor to reinstate the funding for school-based youth services, which include suicide prevention and counseling, as it is unconscionable to make these cuts during a pandemic when mental health services are needed the most.

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

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1. That the governing body finds the failure of the Governor to include funding for school-based youth services in the fiscal 2021 State budget will have a serious detrimental effect upon the students within the Pinelands Regional School District and upon their families.

2. That the governing body hereby strongly urges the reinstatement of nearly \$12 million in funding for the Office of School Linked Services within the Department of Children and Families, for school-based youth services, which Governor Murphy cut in his revised fiscal 2021 State budget.

3. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Governor Murphy, 9th District Legislators, Attorney General Grewal, and the Chief of Police.

CERTIFICATION

I, **DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, 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 **September, 2020**.


DIANA K. MCCRACKEN, Township Clerk
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