

WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2017- 108

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD SUPPORTING SR-100
(ESTABLISHES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FUNDING FAIRNESS):
EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY & FAIR FUNDING FOR NEW JERSEY
SCHOOLS PROPOSED BY SENATE PRESIDENT STEPHEN M. SWEENEY**

WHEREAS, the West Deptford Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, eight years ago, the School Funding Reform Act promised adequate funding to offer equal educational opportunities for all of New Jersey's schoolchildren - regardless of where they live; and

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act offered the promise of making real the constitutional duty of offering a "thorough and efficient" education for each and every school and that school aid would be given fairly and equitably statewide based on a formula that took into account each municipality's property tax base, its ability to pay, increases and decreases in enrollment and any special needs of the children; and

WHEREAS, due to political compromises over time, New Jersey's school aid funding has grown less fair and less adequate, year after year; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the most efficient and effective remedy to this inadequacy, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney and Senator M. Teresa Ruiz, the Chair of the State Education Committee, have been working on a plan to restore fairness and equity to New Jersey's school aid formula; and

WHEREAS, SR-100 establishes the Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness which has passed the Senate with bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, this Committee will study the adjustment aid process, the enrollment growth cap and other provisions set forth by the 2008 funding law to determine what revisions are needed to bring all school districts to full funding over a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principle and the real-life goal of the Senate Select Committee

on School Funding Fairness would be to bring fairness to the way we allocate school aid, and set New Jersey firmly on the path to full, fair, and adequate funding in every school district in the state so that every child is afforded an equal opportunity for a quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY PROCLAIMED; by the West Deptford Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that Senate Select Committee on School Funding Fairness set forth by Senate President Sweeney examine the issue of inequities in State education aid and consider the impact that adjustment aid and enrollment caps have on such inequities.

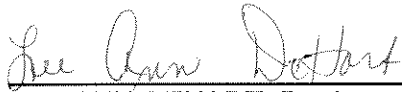
ADOPTED at the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford held on March 1, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD



DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:



LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Lee Ann DeHart, Registered Municipal Clerk, of the Township of West Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting of the Township of West Deptford held on March 1, 2017.



LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk