



GROTON-DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Marlena Gilbert – Chairperson

Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools

WHEREAS, free public schools available to all students without exception are foundational to our democracy and are required by the state constitution; and

WHEREAS, all of our students, no matter where they live, deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child and provide them with a rich school experience that addresses their academic, social and emotional needs;

WHEREAS, the state’s foundation budget formula, which determines state aid to each district, has been woefully out of date for years, thereby underfunding our districts by more than \$1 billion a year for essential educational services; and

WHEREAS, the state’s foundation budget formula underestimates the cost of special education services, insurance benefits and regional transportation, and fails to account for unfunded mandates, charter school reimbursements, and the increasing importance of technology in education; and

WHEREAS, an updated foundation budget formula could bring Groton-Dunstable Regional School District up to \$563,200 in additional state aid each year, allowing this district to move closer to providing all students with the education to which they are entitled as residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature failed to pass any foundation budget legislation in the last session, leaving districts, educators, and students without the funds necessary to support the schools our students deserve in every district in the state;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee urges the Legislature to approve and fully fund a new foundation budget formula by May 1, 2019.



Marlena Gilbert
Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee Chair
On behalf of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School Committee

2/6/19

Date