

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
SUPPORTING EQUAL FUNDING FOR THE EDUCATION OF EACH STUDENT**

WHEREAS, Governor Chris Christie is proposing a solution to New Jersey's two most pressing crisis that are hurting all New Jerseyans; the failure of urban education and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, predominantly caused by billions in tax dollars pouring into continually failing urban school districts, due to New Jersey's unaffordable and broken school funding formula created by NJ's Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood supports an equal per-pupil funding plan that would provide tax fairness for all residents and better public education for every New Jersey student; and

WHEREAS, the statewide graduation rate is 90% with 27 of the 31 Abbott districts falling below that average despite significantly higher state funding; and

WHEREAS, the current formula crushes the majority of property taxpayers and has in the past several years chased millions of residents and employers to more affordable states with balanced tax structures; and

WHEREAS, on average, 52% of property taxes statewide are spent on the school tax and in many districts it is as high as two-thirds; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood believes that all NJ children should be valued equally; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood supports equal funding for all, with each public school district receiving \$6,599.00 per enrolled student, while continuing aid for special needs students; and

WHEREAS, a balanced tax structure and mandatory equal funding for all NJ students will bring fairness and overall tax savings without negatively impacting the education level; and

WHEREAS, an equal per-pupil funding plan could generate an average property tax savings in the Borough of Ringwood of \$1,156 per average household or more.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Ringwood does hereby support a mandatory, equal, per-pupil plan to be provided by the state for a balanced tax structure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Ringwood Board of Education, Borough's Legislative Representative and surrounding municipalities.

JOHN M. SPEER, MAYOR

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ringwood at its Business Meeting of September 20, 2016.

KELLEY HALEWICZ, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Speer			X			
Martocci		X	X			
Anderson	X		X			
Davison			X			
Marsala				X		
Noonan			X			
Schaefer						X

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