

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

11133

RESOLUTION

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**Title: Supporting a Fair School Funding Initiative**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale believes that every child should have equal resources of state aid distributed by the legislature for an education in the State of New Jersey by utilizing a fair school funding mechanism; and

**WHEREAS**, the current distribution of state aid for education to the schools has not been distributed in a fair and equitable manner to provide property tax relief to all citizens of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 1, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all children in the State between the ages of five and eighteen years”; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph 2, of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the fund for the support of free schools. . . . shall be annually appropriated to the support of free public schools, and for the equal benefit of all the people of this State”; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section I, Paragraph 7.a of the New Jersey State Constitution states, “the income tax is to be annually appropriated. . . . exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes”; and

**WHEREAS**, this body can no longer bear the burden of the continued diversion of its fair share of state school aid for the students between the ages of five and eighteen years of age who reside within this jurisdiction; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale do hereby call upon the Legislature of the State of New Jersey to fulfill its constitutionally assigned duty to distribute the state aid for education to the school districts in this state in a fair manner that is for the equal benefit of all people of the state and not by means that are prejudiced by the actions of special interests that may have been presented before the Court or other venue.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean Jr., Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce.

| Council member     | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Absent | Abstain |
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| DeJoseph, Jonathan |        |        | x   |    |        |         |
| Frank, Douglas     |        |        | x   |    |        |         |
| Giancarlo, Michael | x      |        | x   |    |        |         |
| Hanlon, Marie      |        |        | x   |    |        |         |
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| Schiavone, Donna  |  |   | X |  |  |  |
| Weinstein, Andrew |  | X | X |  |  |  |

Adopted: September 13,  
2011

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert P. Sandt, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Max Arnowitz