

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 18165**

**RESOLUTION AGAINST REFERENDUM TO PERMIT WOODCLIFF LAKE TO
WITHDRAW FROM PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL TAX BURDEN UPON THE
TAXPAYERS OF HILLSDALE**

WHEREAS the Borough of Hillsdale, Township of River Vale, Borough of Montvale and Borough of Woodcliff Lake are the constituent municipalities of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District (“PVRHS”) as a result of a referendum passed by the voters of those towns in 1951 to form a regional high school district; and,

WHEREAS the PVRHS is recognized as one of the best high school districts in the United States and State of New Jersey due to its comprehensive and academically challenging educational program; and,

WHEREAS the PVRHS exemplifies the benefit of regionalization and shared services by local government entities; and,

WHEREAS the PVRHS is funded by the four constituent municipalities pursuant to a tax apportionment formula established by statute that provides the regional school district shall be funded according to equalized property values; and,

WHEREAS Woodcliff Lake seeks to withdraw from the PVRHS, and the question will be presented to the voters on October 2, 2018; and,

WHEREAS if Woodcliff Lake is permitted to withdraw from PVRHS, it would have a destructive impact upon the academic and extracurricular offerings provided to the students of PVRHS, as well as a loss of staffing/teachers to address the decrease of funding; and,

WHEREAS if Woodcliff Lake is permitted to withdraw from PVRHS, it would result in an increase of taxes to the residents of Hillsdale, Montvale and River Vale and any disruption to the District could impact property values in the constituent districts; and,

WHEREAS the Borough of Hillsdale and the Township of River Vale have pursued all legal remedies to prevent any disruption to PVRHS; and,

WHEREAS a date for a special election has been set for October 2, 2018 to permit the voters of Hillsdale, River Vale, Montvale and Woodcliff Lake to decide whether Woodcliff Lake should be permitted to withdraw from PVRHS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council for the Borough of Hillsdale oppose any and all efforts by the Borough of Woodcliff Lake to withdraw from PVRHS because it would cause a significant disruption to the PVRHS, result in a reduction of educational offerings and extracurricular activities and impose a tax burden upon the taxpayers of Hillsdale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate remedy would be a change in law regarding the statutory funding formula for regional school districts rather than attempting to withdraw from the school district and shift the financial burden to the taxpayers of the remaining constituent districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Mayor and Council in River Vale, Woodcliff Lake and Montvale, as well as the Boards of Education in Hillsdale, River Vale, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale and PVRHS.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeRosa, Anthony	X		X				
Horvath, Zoltan			X				
Karcich, Scott			X				
Lundy, Abby		X	X				
Pizzella, Frank			X				
Segalas, Steven			X				
Ruocco, John							

Adopted: June 12, 2018

Attest: Denise Kohan
 Denise Kohan
 Municipal Clerk

John Ruocco
 John Ruocco
 Mayor