

Resolution on Charter School Funding

Resolution offered by the City of Gloucester Administration, the Gloucester City Council, and the Gloucester School Committee on charter school funding for Commonwealth Charter Schools in Massachusetts on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.

WHEREAS Massachusetts funds charter schools by withholding aid to the cities and towns that send students to charter schools, and

WHEREAS the amount of such aid withheld for each student leaving to attend a charter school exceeds by a large factor the amount of per pupil aid that the district receives from the state, and

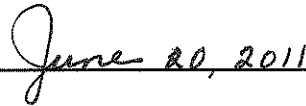
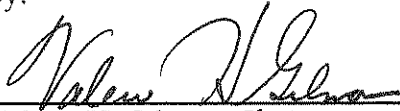
WHEREAS the loss of monies to a district results in either reducing programs in the local public schools or raising local taxes, thus shifting additional costs onto local taxpayers without their approval,

The Gloucester Administration, the Gloucester City Council, and the Gloucester School Committee call on the state to change the funding mechanism so that Commonwealth charter schools, which are approved and supervised solely by the state, be funded directly out of a line item in the state budget.

The Gloucester School Committee unanimously voted and adopted this resolution on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

By:

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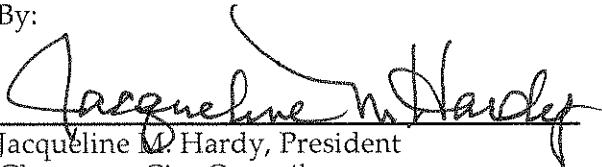


Valerie H. Gilman, Chairperson  
Gloucester School Committee

The Gloucester City Council unanimously voted and adopted this resolution on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011

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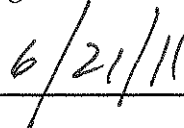
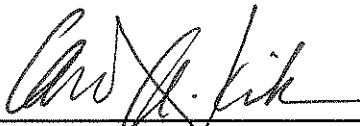


Jacqueline M. Hardy, President  
Gloucester City Council

The City of Gloucester Administrative Office adopted this resolution on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011

By:

Date signed:



Carolyn A. Kirk, Mayor  
City of Gloucester

