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**THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STONY BROOK, NEW YORK**

BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA MATERIALS

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: June 24, 2020

DATE SUBMITTED: June 19, 2020

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Superintendent

CATEGORY OF ITEM: Action

<u>TITLE:</u>	APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PREVENT THE COVID-19 SHUTDOWN FROM DAMAGING EDUCATION
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Staff Recommendation:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the Board of Education approve the resolution in support of state and federal support for public schools to prevent the COVID-19 shutdown from damaging education in New York State, as attached.

NOT AN OFFICIAL RECORD; SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**Resolution in Support of State and Federal Support
for Public Schools to Prevent the COVID-19 Shutdown
from Damaging Education In New York State**

Whereas, New York State has reported a \$13 billion budget deficit which has been exacerbated by declining state revenues due to the COVID-19 crisis;

Whereas, States need significant support from the federal government to help ensure the immediate continuation of important and essential services such as public education;

Whereas, the federal-state partnership is the lynchpin to responding and recovering from the COVID-19 crisis;

Whereas, the State has the primary responsibility to fund public education;

Whereas, Article XI Section 1 of the New York State Constitution provides that the “The legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated”;

Whereas state courts have upheld that the state has the legal responsibility to provide proper funding for public schools;

Whereas, the State on average provides less than 40% of the total revenues to school districts;

Whereas, public school districts are owed over \$3.8 billion in Foundation Aid for the 2020-21 school year;

Whereas, the legislature is considering multiple proposals that will raise much needed revenue for New York State, including increasing taxes on billionaires and multi-millionaires;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Three Village Central School District requests that the elected leaders in the State of New York act to preserve education programs and related jobs to ensure that the COVID-19 crisis does not damage the quality of public education in our state;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Three Village Central School District urges the State Legislature to act and immediately pass legislation that will increase revenue before the end of this legislative session;

RESOLVED FURTHER that we request the federal government to provide additional support to public education to assist states that have had revenue losses due to the COVID-19 crisis.