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Dear Mayor Petty & School Committee Members c/o Dr. Helen Friel Clerk of School Committee 20 Irving Street Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Mayor Petty & School Committee Members,

The Educational Association of Worcester, through the EAW Executive Board and the EAW House of Delegates, encourages the School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools to join us in advocating for Worcester students by signing this Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools. The EAW leadership, on behalf of 3,000 members, is requesting that the School Committee place the Fully Funding resolution on the agenda for the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sincerely

Roger Mugent

President

Educational Association of Worcester, Inc.



We, the Executive Board of the Educational Association of Worcester, the EAW along with House of Delegates, encourage the Worcester Public Schools School Committee to sign the Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools.

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It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, free public schools available to all students without exception are foundational to our democracy and are required by the state constitution; and

WHEREAS, all of our students, no matter where they live, deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child and provide them with a rich school experience that addresses their academic, social and emotional needs;

WHEREAS, the state's foundation budget formula, which determines state aid to each district, has been woefully out of date for years, thereby underfunding our districts by more than \$1 billion a year for essential educational services; and

WHEREAS, an updated foundation budget formula would bring Worcester up to 69,634,434 in additional state aid each year, allowing this district to move closer to providing all students with the education to which they are entitled as residents of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature failed to pass any foundation budget legislation in the last session, leaving districts, educators and students without the funds necessary to support the schools our students deserve in every district in the state;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Worcester School Committee urges the Legislature to approve and fully fund a new foundation budget formula by May 1, 2019.