Resolution of the Christina School District Board of Education on Governor Carney's FY18 Budget Proposal

Whereas the State of Delaware is facing a structural deficit of approximately $395 million dollars for FY18; and,

Whereas the Governor has proposed approximately $37 million dollars in cuts for public education for Delaware schools; and,

Whereas the Governor has further proposed conferring additional taxing authority to local school district Boards of Education to recover some of the proposed cuts by permitting school boards to raise local property taxes

Be it Resolved that the Christina School District Board of Education believes that these cuts will be devastating to programming and students; and,

Be it resolved that the Christina School District Board of Education believes that the conferral of power to tax property is a usurpation of the rights of property owners to have elected representation who were elected with said taxable authority; and,

Be it resolved that Christina School District Board of Education is requesting that all New Castle County State Senators and State Representatives, each who has children in CSD schools via choice, reject the Governor’s proposed cuts and plans to replace the revenue via a school board levied tax as the passage of this plan will significantly impact the ability of districts to raise revenue via referendum in the future; and,

Be it finally resolved that structural, permanent solutions to future revenue for public education be considered and offered as alternatives to the Governor’s proposed plan.

Christina Board President

Date: 5/10/17