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RESOLUTION NO. IC-005-24

OPPOSING GOVERNOR HOCHUL’S PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN FOUNDATION AID TO AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has proposed reductions in the formula and calculation for distribution of Foundation Aid to local schools in her proposed 2025 Executive Budget, and

WHEREAS, Foundation Aid is the primary school funding formula and is designed to use objective factors for each school district, including the number of students in poverty, students with disabilities and English language learners, along with the wealth or poverty of local communities to determine how much Foundation Aid the State should provide to each school, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation Aid Formula was created over a decade ago and is a progressive formula that sends more money to those districts with higher needs students, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation Aid Formula relies on an accurate estimate of the additional costs of educating certain categories of students and an accurate way of identifying the number of students who fall into those categories.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, urges the New York State Legislature to oppose Governor Hochul’s proposed reductions in Foundation Aid to affected school districts within New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Inter-County Association of Western New York also requests that the Foundation Aid be restored to previously calculated levels in the interest of providing quality education to our children without adding undue hardship on local taxpayers; and be it further

RESOLVED, copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the New York State Senate; all members of the New York State Assembly and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
ss.:
COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Cattaraugus County on the 15th day of March, 2024.

Dated: March 26, 2024
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York