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February 5, 2022

The Honorable Ned Lamont
Governor of Connecticut
Office of Governor
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

The following resolution was voted upon at the regularly scheduled Bristol Board of Education meeting held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at the Bristol Board of Education building, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut. It is being forwarded for filing by the Board of Education Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dube, Chair
Bristol Board of Education

RESOLUTION

Whereas the State of Connecticut has been operating under a State of Public Health Emergency declared by Governor Lamont for nearly two full years; and

Whereas the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has ebbed and flowed while our understanding of the virus and the ability of our healthcare system and local government to manage it have steadily increased; and

Whereas there is no current emergency which prevents or prohibits state or local government from meeting to make policy for their constituencies; and

Whereas our system of laws and justice in Connecticut and throughout the United States of America relies on a recognition that individual citizens are the highest authority when it comes to their personal choices, including but not limited to decisions affecting their health, travel, employment, association, and customary lawful behavior; and

Whereas local town governments, including our own Board of Education and City Council is the proper body to determine policy affecting the citizens of our town; and

Whereas our local government has been restricted in making policy for our town and our school system by the actions of Governor Lamont and state government agencies under his control, including but not limited to the State Department of Public Health, and the State Department of Education; and

Whereas state government and the Governor of the State of Connecticut are poised in the next several weeks to adopt legislation extending the authority of the governor unilaterally to override the proper power of local government and to diminish the right of the free citizens to exercise their own liberty and judgment; and

Whereas the Constitution calls on three (3) co-equal branches of government and the legislative branch debates and passes laws and the executive branch enforces those laws and administers state government; and

Whereas the people of our town have spoken and expect us to act on their behalf, to defend their constitutional freedoms and to set policies for our town,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Bristol Board of Education in regular session assembled calls upon the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut General Assembly to rescind any executive or legislative authority created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that overrides the proper local control of the Board of Education of the city of Bristol and to halt any further similar actions by the Executive or Legislative Branch.

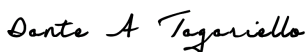
Be it further resolved that the Board of Education shall be restored as the policy making body for their local school district, as it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that it shall make policy in keeping with the state and federal Constitutions and the consent of the people who elected them to office.

Voted in the Affirmative:


Commissioner, Jennifer Dube, Chair



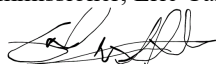
Commissioner, Kristen Giantonio, Vice-Chair



Commissioner, Dante Tagariello, Secretary



Commissioner, Eric Carlson



Commissioner, John Sklenka



Commissioner, Todd Sturgeon

Voted in the Negative:


Commissioner, Shelby Pons



Commissioner, Karen Vibert



Commissioner, Christopher Wilson