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## NORWOOD SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: COVID-19 STATE FUNDING

**DATE:** June 17, 2020

**TO:** Governor Charlie Baker  
Education Secretary James Peyser  
Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley  
Senate President Karen Spilka  
House Speaker Robert DeLeo  
Joint Education Committee Co-Chair Jason Lewis  
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**CC:** Senator Michael Rush  
Representative John Rogers  
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WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

**RESOLVED:** that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

**THERE CAN BE NO UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR COVID-19.**

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Respectfully,

*Teresa Marie Stewart, School Committee Chair*

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