

**BROOKLINE SCHOOL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:
COVID-19 STATE FUNDING**

DATE: June 18, 2020

TO: Governor Charlie Baker
Education Secretary James Peyser
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CC: Senator Cynthia Creem
Representative Edward Coppinger
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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.

Respectfully,
Brookline School Committee

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