

TOWNSHIP OF HAINESPORT

RESOLUTION 2023-63-4

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REDUCTION IN STATE AID AWARDS TO THE HAINESPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Hainesport Public School District serves the community of Hainesport Township.

WHEREAS, the Hainesport Public School District has received the following reductions in State Aid since 2019:

Fiscal Year	Aid	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
2019	\$1,331,665	(\$37,430)	-2.73%
2020	\$1,246,317	(\$85,348)	-6.41%
2021	\$1,118,814	(\$127,503)	-10.2%
2022	\$950,246	(\$168,568)	-15.07%
2023	\$811,854	(\$138,392)	-14.56%
2024 (proposed)	\$733,146	(\$78,708)	-9.69%

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget indicating an increase in the State's surplus of \$500 million, bringing the total proposed surplus to over \$10 billion.

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy's proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget also indicates a proposed budget increase of \$832 million in direct K-12 aid for public schools, for a total of almost \$11 billion.

WHEREAS, Legislation was signed into law by Governor Murphy on April 3, 2023 (S3732/A5328) which provides for Supplemental Stabilization Aid equal to 66% of the difference between the amount of aid received for the 2022-2023 school year and the amount of aid proposed for 2023-2024 school year.

WHEREAS, S3732/A5328 allocates \$51,947.00 in Supplemental Stabilization Aid to the Hainesport Public School District.

WHEREAS, the difference between the amount of aid received for the 2022-2023 school year and the amount of aid proposed for 2023-2024 school year for the Hainesport Public School District is \$78,708.00.

WHEREAS, the Hainesport School District has received a total reduction of approximately \$557,241.00 in aid from 2019-2023.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Constitution requires the State provide a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for the instruction of all the children between the ages of five and eighteen years.

WHEREAS, The School Funding Reform Act (“SFRA”) was enacted in 2008 as part of New Jersey's ongoing effort to ensure that public schools throughout the state receive the financial support needed to deliver a thorough and efficient free public education (“T & E”) to our children.

WHEREAS, continued reductions in State Aid to the Hainesport School District have and continue to cause reductions in staff, services, educational programs, and student activities, and those reductions are a clear detriment to its students and community.

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Covid-19 Pandemic there has been widespread and well documented learning loss requiring the immediate implementation of learning improvement measures by public school districts.

WHEREAS, the Hainesport School District’s ability to implement necessary learning improvement measures is negatively impacted by continuous State Aid reductions.

WHEREAS, the only option to help offset the continued reductions in State Aid, in order to address learning loss associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic and prevent a loss of T & E to the students of Hainesport School District, is to increase local property taxes for the residents of Hainesport Township.


WHEREAS, the Hainesport School District should not have its State Aid reduced at the detriment of the tax payers in Hainesport Township, especially in light of the profound impact of inflation on their budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hainesport hereby formally requests that Governor Murphy and State Representatives to reverse the negative State Aid Award to the Hainesport Public School District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee specifically requests:

1. That Governor Murphy and the State Legislature restore 100% of the difference between the amount of aid received for the 2022-2023 school year and the amount of aid proposed for 2023-2024 school year for Hainesport Public School District;
2. That Governor Murphy and the State Legislature restore 100% of the reductions in State Aid from 2019-2023 to the Hainesport School District; and
3. That all State Representatives vote “no” for this year’s State Budget if there are any proposed reductions to State Aid for Hainesport Public School District.

I, Paula L. Kosko do hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Hainesport Township Committee at their regular meeting on April 11, 2023.



Paula L. Kosko, RMC, Township Clerk
Township Administrator

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Levinson	X		X			
Gilmore			X			
Montgomery		X	X			
Evans			X			
Clauss			X			