



Resolution in Support of Civics Education: The Rhode Island Civic Literacy Act, House Bill 5028 and an Act Relating to Education—Curriculum, Senate Bill 76

WHEREAS, the Providence School Board recognizes the vital need for students to learn the fundamentals of government and the principles of democratic society, in order to effectively engage and participate in government, and influence policies and laws for the good of society; and

WHEREAS, by embedding civics education throughout each year of study from kindergarten through grade twelve for all students, young people will learn the foundations of “government of the people, by the people, for the people,” as well as the practical tools to perpetuate this ethos; and

WHEREAS, Providence Public School District is developing curriculum for both classroom and hands-on and community-based civics learning that ranges from local to global themes, which will enable students to not only study how others participate in government, but also to practice participating and taking informed action themselves; and

WHEREAS, at the core of our educational mission to prepare students for college, career and civic life is providing and empowering them with the necessary knowledge and skills to successfully engage in democratic society, and infusing them with an understanding of the intrinsic value of self-governance; and

WHEREAS, statewide legislation requiring civics education will help school districts in Rhode Island to access resources, create professional development opportunities around best practices, and collaborate to develop high quality curriculum that provides students of all ages with a deep understanding of government and history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Providence School Board supports Civics Education legislation, including Rhode Island Senate approve SB 76, and House Bill 5028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval, copies of this resolution be delivered to President of the Senate Dominick Ruggerio, Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi, Senate Education Committee Chair Sandra Cano, House Education Committee Chair Joseph M. McNamara and Providence representatives and senators.

Presented this _____ day of _____
(Month, Year)

President Nicholas J. Hemond

Clerk

Date Approved: _____