



# Radnor Township School District

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## **RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPOSING ANY STATE LEGISLATION THAT SEEKS TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM SECURING NECESSARY LOCAL FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors of Radnor Township School District is aware that the Pennsylvania Legislature seeks to prohibit all of Pennsylvania's 500 school districts from levying a property tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 above the rate levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors of Radnor Township School District is aware that mandating a zero-percent property tax increase for the fiscal year 2020-2021 would result in many Pennsylvania school districts suffering varying levels of catastrophic reductions of educational services and supports, negatively impacting students and communities across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of School Directors of Radnor Township School District is aware that a state mandate regarding local revenue collection infringes on a local education agency's right to assess and act upon the needs and interests of its local public schools, services, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, local property tax is the primary source of funding for Pennsylvania school districts and accounts for 77% of Radnor Township School District's annual revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania already ranks 46th among the 50 states in the amount of state funding allocated to support elementary and secondary public education, making it among the lowest in the nation, with Pennsylvania's share of funding public education at 38%; and,

**WHEREAS**, given the likewise historic underfunding of public education at the federal level, the power of local government to mitigate these state and federal shortcomings is even more essential; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's more than 1.7 million public school students and their families deserve the highest quality educational and related supports, especially during a long-term national health crisis in which communities further depend upon their public schools for life-sustaining resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Radnor Township School District opposes House Bills 1776 and 2431 and any other legislation or effort by the General Assembly to restrict or prohibit the levying of property taxes at the local level, and does so to ensure Radnor, and all school districts across Pennsylvania, can continue their vital role of assessing and meeting the needs of their communities and students, both during this unprecedented time and into the developing future.

Adopted this twenty-eighth day of April, 2020.

Susan Stern  
School Board President

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Superintendent