

**TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION
651 TEANECK ROAD
TEANECK, NJ 07666**



**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TEANECK BOARD OF EDUCATION BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTE BOOK

The Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, convened at a Regular Public Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., held virtually via the Zoom app link located on the district website in the town of Teaneck, New Jersey.

Resolution to Urge NJ Governor Murphy and the NJ Legislature to Restore School Based Youth Services Programs

Whereas the Governor of the State of New Jersey has proposed in his budget to defund the School Based Youth Services Programs under the Department of Children and Families for fiscal year 2021; and

Whereas the School Based Youth Services Programs provide Teaneck's youth via the FORUM with walk-in and appointed critical mental health counseling, employment counseling, substance abuse education and prevention, health awareness, primary medical linkages, learning support, healthy youth development, recreation, and information and referral to local community resources; and

Whereas these services and supports delivered by the FORUM occurs at Teaneck High School where the students and families are, which helps to destigmatize the access of these services and at the same time there is a convenience of being able to walk a few feet within the building to get the needed care; and

Whereas these critical mental health services are needed now more than ever due to the loss of family and friends from Covid 19, especially as our lower income and Black and Brown families have been disproportionately impacted by Covid 19;

Whereas these critical mental health services are needed now more than ever as our country, our state, and specifically our community is facing a reckoning of racism and the ensuing trauma not seen since the 1960s; and

Whereas diverting funds from the regular the Teaneck Public Schools budget will necessitate cuts to other critical and core services for students; and



Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Teaneck Board of Education strongly opposes the defunding of the School Based Youth Services Programs; and

And be further resolved that the Teaneck Board of Education urges Governor Murphy and Assembly Budget Chair Pintor Marin and Senate Budget Chair Sarlo to immediately restore the \$11M funding to the School Based Youth Services Programs operating in 100 school districts, and to add funding to meet the mental health needs that the pandemic of racism and Covid 19 has ravaged across New Jersey.

Motion: S. Rodriguez	Second: H. Rose			
<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mrs. Burns (Linda)	X			
Mrs. Fisher (Victoria)	X			
Mrs. Rappoport (Sarah)	X			
Mr. Reiner (Gerald)	X			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)	X			
Mr. Rose (Howard)	X			
Ms. Sanders (Denise)	X			
Dr. Walser (Ardie)	X			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	X			

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County of Bergen)

I, Melissa Simmons, Board Secretary of the Teaneck Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing extract from the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of said district duly called and held on September 16, 2020 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the minute book of said meeting of the Board of Education and is a true, complete copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matter referred to in said extract in witness have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Board of Education this 10th day of November, 2021.



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Board Secretary