

RESOLUTION NO. 176-2023
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED FOR
SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Councilmember Gorman offered the following resolution and moved its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Bieber:

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is dedicated to helping New Jersey school districts achieve educational excellence and district efficiencies: and

WHEREAS, the School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP) Grant supports public school districts and governing bodies across New Jersey who wish to study the feasibility of school district regionalization and consolidation; and

WHEREAS, school districts and governing bodies are invited to apply for funding to offset costs associated with conducting feasibility studies that support the creation of meaningful and implementable plans to form or expand regional school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP); and

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Sea Bright, Atlantic Highlands and Highlands have determined to evaluate whether the Henry Hudson Regional School District and the Borough of Sea may be able to attain improved educational quality and efficiencies through consolidation or regionalization; and

WHEREAS, a formal study must be undertaken to accomplish this objective with regional implementation plan development; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sea Bright has agreed to be the lead entity in conducting this study and will submit the application for financial support for this study to DLGS on behalf of all participating school districts and/or governing bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Bright, that the Borough of Sea Bright does hereby join with the Borough of Atlantic Highlands and the Borough of Highlands in applying for a SREP Grant to support a feasibility study to examine the impact of creating an all-purpose PK-12 regional school district on behalf of itself, the Borough of Atlantic Highlands and the Borough of Highlands and, if awarded, and upon execution of said Agreement, the Borough of Sea Bright does accept the Terms and Conditions specified in the Agreement in connection to this grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:


1. Borough Attorney
2. Boroughs of Atlantic Highlands and Highlands
3. Finance Manager

Roll Call:	Bieber,	Booker,	Catalano,	Gorman,	Keeler,	Lamia
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

December 19, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council Meeting held on December 19, 2023.


Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk