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RESOLUTION 2012-2013

NO. 8

Resolution to Support Impact Aid Section 8002 Funding

- WHEREAS, WHEREAS, impact aid is the oldest elementary-secondary federal education program administered by the Department of education to offset property tax revenue to local educational agencies due to federal government acquisition of previously taxable properties; and
- WHEREAS, property taxes paid by American families, individuals, businesses, farms, and all other property owners, as well as impact aid funding, support local educational agencies and the thousands of students served by those local educational agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the financial obligation to local educational agencies and the students they serve remains regardless of property owner, date of acquisition, or use of property; and
- WHEREAS, the impact aid program provides reimbursement to local and/or other federal property to make up lost tax revenue due to the non-taxable federal ownership status; and
- WHEREAS, existing property owners in affected local agencies already bear a significant burden in financial support of local educational agencies due to federal acquisition of private lands; and
- WHEREAS, raising additional local tax revenue to support local educational agencies is unrealistic and overly burdensome on local taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, the Plumsted Township School District qualifies for impact aid funding due to the federal presence; and
- WHEREAS, the Plumsted Township School District qualifies under Section 8002 of the impact aid law; and
- WHEREAS, impact aid funding is of critical importance in providing quality educational opportunities for approximately 1,700 students educated in the Plumsted Township School District; and

WHEREAS, impact aid funding is a key component in providing educational opportunities and programs to the students in the Plumsted Township School District; and

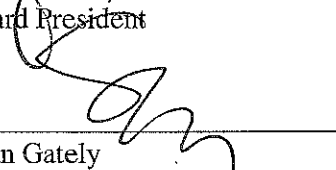
WHEREAS, it is the federal government's obligation to rectify the negative financial impact its presence has caused:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plumsted Township School District Board of Education strongly opposes the elimination of section 8002 of the impact aid program by the President's Administration and advocates for the continuation of federal funding for this specific federal responsibility as has been the standard for more than sixty years; requests, in order to alleviate the local tax payer burden caused by federal land ownership, full funding by the federal government for all sections of the impact aid programs; and requests the impact aid program be reauthorized this year either as part of the ESEA reauthorization or as a stand-alone bill.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the
PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION ON
September 12, 2012



Board President



Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary