

RESOLUTION NO. 2m2-253

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
SUPPORTING IMPACT AID SECTION 8002 FUNDING

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 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, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Plumsted Township Committee 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.

2. That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Plumsted Township School District; 12th Legislative District; 30th Legislative District; Congressman Chris Smith and surrounding municipalities.

NAME	TROTTA	MARINARI	WYSONG	SORCHIK	LEUTWYLER
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ABSTAIN					
NAYS					
ABSENT					

CERTIFICATION

I, DOROTHY J. HENDRICKSON, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Plumsted, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Plumsted Township Committee at a meeting held on the 5th day of **SEPTEMBER, 2012**.


DOROTHY J. HENDRICKSON, RMC
 Municipal Clerk