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Glocester School Committee Resolution to Issue a Formal Response to Recent Activity of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees

WHEREAS, it is the Glocester School Committee's responsibility to determine and control all policies affecting the administration, maintenance and operation of the Glocester public schools, and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties as prescribed by the laws of the State, and

WHEREAS, the Glocester School Committee is a paid participating member of the RIASC, and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2021 we received correspondence from the RIASC regarding certain APRA requests made in other school districts that later proved to be factually inaccurate, and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2021 the RIASC did send correspondence to Gov. Dan McKee without our knowledge or consent, and without seeking our input, requesting that the Governor issue a public school universal mask mandate, and

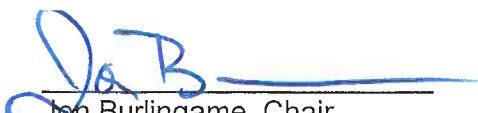
WHEREAS, on August 20, 2021, during a professional development meeting, in an apparent defiance of RIASC bylaws and IRS guidelines relating to 501(c)3 regulations, RIASC allegedly pledged support for a particular candidate in a recall election, and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2021 in response to the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) letter to the Biden administration requesting federal assistance regarding threats and disruptive events occurring at School Board meetings across the nation, RIASC immediately released correspondence indicating RIASC would cooperate with federal law enforcement to potentially adversely engage with our constituents, and

WHEREAS, the Glocester School Committee was not consulted about the content of the October 5, 2021 correspondence and does not agree with this RIASC action, and

WHEREAS, we would be doing a disservice to our constituents if we did not evaluate the cost, benefit, and reputational risk of our continued dues-paying membership in RIASC,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Glocester School Committee expresses concerns surrounding RIASC's governance, leadership, transparency, and failure to embrace non-partisanship. We are aware of numerous complaints about these issues that have gone unanswered. Due to the fact that we have not seen the changes in operational method that we would have expected, nor have we received any promised plan or timeline to accomplish these changes, we will withhold our membership dues until further notice.


Jen Burlingame, Chair
Glocester School Committee

10/19/21
Date