

**WHEREAS** the State of New Hampshire holds the duty of ensuring each child receives an adequate education;

**WHEREAS** the responsibility of funding an adequate education currently falls disproportionately on local property taxpayers of New Hampshire;

**WHEREAS** fulfilling that responsibility is especially challenging for those towns which contain below average taxable property values, making it more difficult to fund education and other critical public services;

**WHEREAS** the state continually downshifts costs onto local municipalities and school districts including the reduction or elimination of school building aid, general revenue sharing, and retirement subsidies;

**WHEREAS** because of the vetoed state budget for fiscal years 2020-21, school districts will continue to see a reduction in education aid;

**WHEREAS** the 2020-21 budget passed by the legislature but vetoed by the governor means Raymond School District will lose \$1,298,490 in additional aid;

**WHEREAS** New Hampshire's local leaders, school boards and school administrators face unnecessary uncertainty as they attempt to plan their upcoming budgets without the knowledge of whether or how much additional aid school districts will receive; and

**WHEREAS** the increased aid is needed by local property taxpayers, New Hampshire's school children, and as required by the New Hampshire Constitution;

**We the Raymond School Board** call on the Governor to immediately support the increased education aid outlined in the House Bill 1 and 2 of the 2019 Session of the New Hampshire General Court.

Signed by

Date