## **Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Massachusetts Public Schools through the *Student Opportunity Act***

## **WHEREAS,** free public schools available to all students without exception are foundational to our democracy and are required by the state constitution; and

## **WHEREAS,** all of our students, no matter where they live, deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child and provide them with a well-rounded school experience that addresses their academic, social and emotional needs; and

## **WHEREAS**, the state’s foundation budget formula, which determines state aid to each district, has been woefully out of date for years, thereby underfunding our districts by for essential educational services; and

## **WHEREAS,** the *Student Opportunity Act* would phase in an updated foundation budget formula, resulting in a projected $1.5 billion increase in state education aid to local cities and towns as of 2027;

## **THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the [**School Committee/City Council/Town Board**] urges the Legislature to approve the *Student Opportunity Act* in the fall of 2019.

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