South Portland City Council

Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

RESOLVE #18-12/13 - That $4,136,892 be raised and appropriated in additional local funds, which exceed the State’s Essential Programs and Services Allocation model by $3,391,833 as required to fund the budget recommended by the Board of Education. Passage requires majority vote.

The Board of Education recommends $4,136,892 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by $3,391,833.

- Pension Obligation Debt Service, approved by voters November 4, 2003
- Co-curricular/athletic costs not recognized by EPS
- Maintaining/Staffing two small Middle Schools rather than one
- Staffing for Nursing Services greater than acknowledged by EPS
- Maintaining/Staffing five small Elementary Schools rather than four
- Class Size Targets less than State standard
- Purchase of new cut-away school bus
- Capital Improvement Projects for Mahoney, Memorial and SPHS approved by voters on June 9, 2009

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the municipality’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as describe in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-State funded debt service that will help achieve the school department budget for educational programs.

Position:

This resolve is brought forward as part of approving the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget for the South Portland School Department.

Requested Action:

Council passage of RESOLVE #18-12/13.
IN CITY COUNCIL

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Fiscal Note: $4,136,892

Dated: May 20, 2013