

**Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Massachusetts Public Schools through the *Promise 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**WHEREAS**, the state’s foundation budget formula, which determines state aid to each district, has been woefully out of date for years, thereby underfunding our districts by more than \$1 billion a year for essential educational services; and

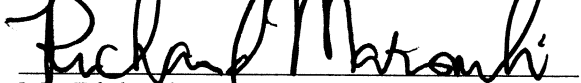
**WHEREAS**, the *Promise Act*, **Senate Bill 238** would phase in an updated foundation budget formula, bringing Chelsea an estimated **\$20.7 million** in additional state aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature failed to pass any foundation budget legislation in the last session, leaving districts, educators and students without the funds necessary to support the schools our students deserve;


**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the **School Committee** urges the Legislature to approve the *Promise Act* this spring.


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we, the members of the Chelsea School Committee, have hereunto set our hands this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019.

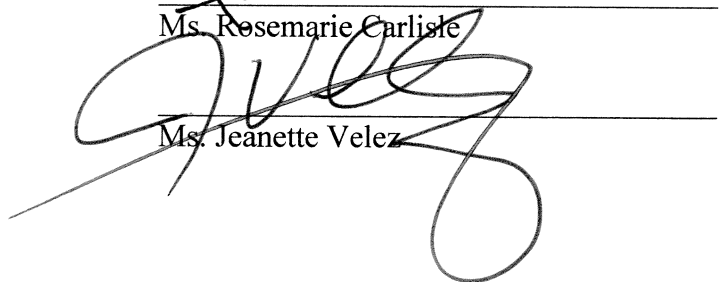
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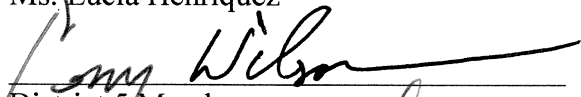
  
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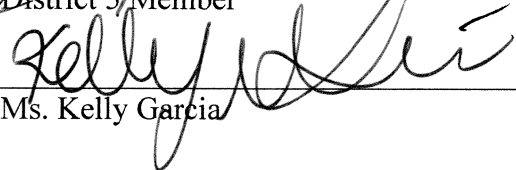
  
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