



Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Jason Schimpf
School Business Administrator

RESOLUTION HONORING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER JENNIFER CAVALLARO-FROMM

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm has championed fair school funding for our region's schools by offering countless public testimonies from the perspective of a resident, parent and a volunteer member of the board of education for nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm brought considerable attention onto our school community after she asked former Governor Chris Christie to fund our schools fairly at a public town hall meeting in January 2011; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm helped organize the Fair Funding Action Committee (FFAC) for the purpose of bringing attention to unfair and inequitable school funding to our region's schools, meeting for the first time on March 22, 2012 and expanded the influence of the FFAC by joining numerous school districts across the state such as Chesterfield (Burlington County) and West Orange (Essex) as well as all twenty-four municipalities in Gloucester County; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm led members of FFAC to successfully lobby for the passage of the Supplemental Enrollment Growth Bill 2868 in 2012, cumulatively providing \$20.6 million in state aid to Kingsway Regional, Swedesboro-Woolwich, South Harrison & East Greenwich School Districts; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Kingsway Regional Board of Education, Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm voted to approve the a petition filed with the Supreme Court to compel the State Legislature to fund the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) and render "hold harmless" unconstitutional and to join the Newton School District (Sussex) in petitioning the Commissioner of Education for the equitable allocation of school aid; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm advocated for the passage of Senate Bill 2 on July 24, 2018, modifying the school funding law and eliminating adjustment aid and state aid growth limits, which resulted in Kingsway's full uncapped state aid adjustment to increase to 58 percent in year one, an increase in state aid by \$2.129 million in the 2018-19 school year while putting the District on a path toward full state aid entitlement by fiscal year 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, given Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm's impassioned, strategic and consistent advocacy to bring awareness and support to our community's school funding fight through direct interaction with legislators, grassroots tactics and the use of media, it is proper and fitting for the Board of Education to honor her service with the District's *Distinguished Service Award*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kingsway Regional Board of Education joins the Kingsway Education Foundation to establish the annual *Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm Impact Award* to a high school senior who has promoted greater sensitivity and awareness within our schools to the needs of students struggling to overcome significant barriers toward success.

ATTEST:

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James Mueller
Board of Education President