

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 728 OF 2022

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS SEEBER, HOGAN, BRAYMER, LEGGETT AND DRISCOLL**

### **RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADMINISTER AND FUND PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, as there is no mention of education in the United States Constitution, education is considered a reserved power for the states, and

WHEREAS, Article XI, Education in the New York Constitution states in Section 1, “The legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated,” and

WHEREAS, in the school-funding and educational-rights case Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) v. State of New York, the New York Court of Appeals, the state’s highest court, held that children are entitled to a sound basic education, and

WHEREAS, there is substantial understanding that the early years of a child’s life are critical to their social, emotional, behavioral, and academic development in preparation for entry into New York’s free common schools, and

WHEREAS, early childhood intervention is essential to mitigating development issues that put children at substantial educational risk before entry into New York’s free common schools, and

WHEREAS, early childhood intervention programs result in indisputable, documented social, emotional, behavioral, and academic benefits at the appropriate time for young children, and

WHEREAS, New York State’s Early Intervention program has been plagued by a shortage of qualified providers whose pay raises have been few and far between, and

WHEREAS, children who are qualified and required to be provided services within thirty (30) days of being identified end up on waiting lists sometimes for months, and

WHEREAS, a new approach is needed to provide these services to maximize the benefit to qualified children, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors calls on the Governor and State Legislature to authorize and fully fund local school districts making them responsible for pre-school special education services and early childhood intervention programs, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, should local school districts have difficulties housing or providing Early Intervention Services programs, they must engage a Board of Education Cooperative Service (BOCES) to provide cooperative programs, including private providers, to ensure the delivery of EIS programs to all young

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children in need, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.