

A RESOLUTION

By the

Burlington Board of School Commissioners

To the

Vermont School Boards Association to

Advocate that the

Equalized Per Pupil Funding for English Language Learners be Increased

WHEREAS, there are additional costs associated with providing effective instruction to children who are English Language Learners (ELL) , and

WHEREAS, the total number of ELL students is the greatest in the history of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the services are specific to the students who are ELL and

WHEREAS, research and best practices have provided the proven methods to teach ELL students, and

WHEREAS, these methods require additional expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington Board of School Commissioners

1. Request that the Vermont School Boards Association advocate for the change in the equalized per pupil formula for ELL students from 1.2 to 1.3, and
2. Urge School Boards to place a priority on legislative agendas to support the increase in the funding for ELL
3. Contact legislator members to vote to change the funding formula.

Approved and adopted the 9th day of October 2012

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Burlington Board of School Commissioners.

Keith Pillsbury, Chair