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WHEREAS, an Act to amend Title 14 of the Delaware Code relating to public schools was proposed in the 148th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 30 sponsored by State Representative Kim Williams, provides State funding to kindergarten through third grade for basic special education; and

WHEREAS, special needs students fall within three categories under State rule including: basic, intensive and complex; and

WHEREAS, currently the "basic" special education funding covers grades four through twelve, whereby kindergarten through third grade receive State funding for intensive and complex special education; and

WHEREAS, students receiving services in the "basic" category include those with developmental delays, ADHD and similar conditions; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 30 would expand special education services to "basic" for students in Pre-K through third grade; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires schools to meet the needs of disabled students, and last year the U.S. Department of Education named Delaware as one of only three States that "needed intervention" on fulfilling those duties; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this bill would not only address the Federal mandate but also promote earlier identification and assistance for "basic" special education needs, which should mitigate costs over the long term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council fully supports expanded services for special needs students, as reflected in House Bill No. 30, and further encourages the members of the Delaware General Assembly to vote to approve the legislation.

Approved as to form this 5th
day of February, 2015.

Passed by City Council,
February 5, 2015


Assistant City Solicitor


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