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Wilmington, Delaware
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WHEREAS, the education of children is one of the most important functions of government; and

WHEREAS, over time, the State of Delaware has invested in the expansion of educational opportunities for students throughout the State, despite the fact that the education funding system was developed more than 75 years ago and has since become insufficient in meeting the needs of today's teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this, the Delaware General Assembly has passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, which creates the Education Funding Improvement Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the State's public education funding system and to make recommendations for its improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is charged with making recommendations related to a student-focused funding system which could provide more flexibility for districts and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is also empowered to investigate groups of students that could benefit from additional funding -- including low-income students; and

WHEREAS, the City Council applauds this effort and wishes to express its support of the General Assembly's plans to further study education funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council supports the creation of the Education Funding Improvement Commission, and respectfully encourages members of the Commission to take into consideration the needs of the students in the City of Wilmington when studying funding structures and making recommendations.

Passed by City Council,
July 9, 2015

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 8th
day of July, 2015.

Danyez Bhatnagar
Assistant City Solicitor