**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-8.\_\_\_**

**OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

***Supporting Governor Christie’s Fairness Formula for School Funding***

 ***and Property Tax Equity***

WHEREAS, the Education Law Center filed a lawsuit in Superior Court in 1981 on behalf of 20 children attending various inner city public schools; and

WHEREAS, that case was dubbed Abbott v. Burke challenged New Jersey’s system of financing public education under the Public School Education Act of 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, that case was elevated to New Jersey’s Supreme Court, which in 1990 ruled that the State’s school funding law was unconstitutional for children in 28 “poorer urban” districts; and

WHEREAS, those “Abbott” districts which make up 5% of New Jersey’s public school districts, started to receive immensely more per pupil state aid than other districts statewide; and

WHEREAS, Governor Christie is proposing a solution to New Jersey’s two most pressing crises that are hurting all residents of New Jersey: the failure of urban education ad property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Governor’s Fairness Formula is an equal per pupil funding plan that would provide tax fairness for all residents and better public education for every New jersey student; and

WHEREAS, under this formula residents of Bloomingdale could see a savings of some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_per year which will vary by county and municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ty the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bloomingdale that it hereby supports Governor Christie’s Fairness Formula for school funding and property tax equity which stands as the first sensible proposal to address this issue in many years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support be transmitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, Members of the 39th Legislative District and our sister Passaic County municipalities.

## Record of Council Vote on Passage

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| Council person | aye | nay | Abstain | Absent | Council person | aye | nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Costa |  |  |  |  | Hudson |  |  |  |  |
| D’Amato |  |  |  |  | Sondermeyer |  |  |  |  |
| Dellaripa |  |  |  |  | Yazdi |  |  |  |  |
| Mayor Dunleavy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on August 16, 2016.

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Jane McCarthy, R.M.C.

Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale