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Legislature Passes Memorializing Resolution in Support of State Monitor for East Ramapo Central School District

Legislators Send Message to Albany Representatives To Help Troubled District

New City, NY (May 20, 2015) - Rockland County Legislators, in a near unanimous vote of 14 to one (two absences), passed a memorializing resolution in support of bills currently in the State Assembly and Senate, in favor of the appointment of a State Monitor to oversee the East Ramapo Central School District. The Assembly and Senate Bills, whose primary sponsors are Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski and State Senator David Carlucci, are currently working their way through the State Legislature Committee process.

Legislators Nancy Low-Hogan and Harriet Cornell, primary Sponsors of the resolution, were joined by twelve other Legislators who co-sponsored the resolution, including Chair Alden Wolfe, Vice Chair Jay Hood, Minority Leader Cris Carey, Budget & Finance Chair Michael Grant, Deputy Majority Leader Toney Earl, Aney Paul, Richard Diaz, Joseph Meyers, Lon Hofstein, Doug Jobson, Patrick Moroney and John Murphy.

Legislator Low-Hogan said: "It is absolutely critical that the voices of the majority of the Rockland County Legislature be heard loud and clear in the halls of our State Capitol. Our Representatives in Albany and their leaders must understand that Rockland County citizens stand for quality education for all of our children, and that we as elected officials will not stand by or be silent in the face of unfairness to any children. We believe the bills in Albany introduced by Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski and State Senator David Carlucci, represent a crucial first step in a solution to address this very complex problem. I am very pleased that my colleagues in the Rockland County Legislature have joined Legislator Harriet Cornell and me in supporting this resolution, and we will continue to work with our state legislators, the citizens of Rockland County and the parents, students and teachers in the East Ramapo Central School District to seek solutions to this complex but critical issue."

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Legislator Harriet Cornell said, "These bills in Albany are about fairness and equity for all students. I am passionate about this: adults are responsible for children and we must ensure that the children in East Ramapo have the same academic and supplementary educational opportunities that are accorded children in Rockland's other school districts. The state legislation is not punitive, it is restorative. It will ensure development of a strategic academic and fiscal plan. It will go a long way to easing tensions throughout Rockland."

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