

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2017-28

SUPPORTING THE EXPLORATION OF A SUSSEX COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the school systems in the State of New Jersey are largely independently run and are funded by the taxpayers, resulting in increasing property taxes to New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee appreciates the importance of the education system, public schools and teachers, but also recognizes that increased property taxes are driving residents out of Sussex County and Lafayette Township; and

WHEREAS, student enrollment in Sussex County schools is decreasing, yet per-pupil costs continue to rise, resulting in higher property taxes to Sussex County residents; and

WHEREAS, a consolidated County school system would result in significant savings to the taxpayers of Sussex County, via less administrative staff and other personnel, and ultimately lower property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette favors a consolidated school system and desires to show its support for a consolidated school system within Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee proposes the following structure for a consolidated school system: one (1) County Superintendent, one (1) County Business Office and all schools within the County overseen by the County Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette hereby declares its support for a consolidated Sussex County school system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are to be forwarded to the Clerks of all Sussex County municipalities, State Legislators representing the Township of Lafayette, Lafayette Township Board of Education, Sussex County Superintendent of Schools, Sussex County League of Municipalities, New Jersey League of Municipalities, and the New Jersey Governor's Office.

CERTIFICATION

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee, Sussex County, New Jersey at a meeting held on September 5, 2017.

Anna Rose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk