

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
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SECTION A - BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Resolution for Mandate Relief

[Mr. Bill Kress and Dr. Phyllis Glassman]

The Ossining Union Free School District requests reform of unfunded and underfunded New York State mandates with the goals of maintaining a “Children First” philosophy, reducing Ossining School District expenditures, and easing the tax burden of our community residents.

The Board of Education of the Ossining Union Free School District requests that a continued review of unfunded and underfunded mandates be conducted at the State level with the expectation of modification, reduction, and potential elimination of such mandates and the expectation of additional New York State funding to support those unfunded and underfunded mandates that remain, following a complete review and analysis.

The Ossining School District Board Education also requests a complete freeze as well as review of any and all currently pending or newly proposed mandates. Additionally, prior to the adoption of any proposed of new mandate, the Ossining School District Board of Education requests a complete and comprehensive State level analysis of all costs and all definitive funding sources with the expectation that input from the Ossining School District will be considered in order to ensure that any proposed or new mandate will not produce onerous consequences for the Ossining School District and that any proposed or new mandate will not be unsound.

Recommended Motion

BE IT RESOLVED, that mandate relief must be addressed by the New York State Legislature as the Ossining Union Free School District and all New York State school districts implement the property tax level limit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the complete resolution on the attached pages be adopted by the Ossining School District Board of Education and forwarded to the New York State Mandate Relief Council, Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, and the members of the State Senate and Assembly representing Westchester and Putnam Counties.