

## **Greenfield Public Schools School Committee Resolution In Support of the Fair Share Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, Massachusetts needed new revenue for our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and long-term funding is needed now more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery;

**WHEREAS**, major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially, and emotionally from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, additional funding is needed to ensure that all schools can maintain or provide small class sizes, offer social-emotional supports, and hire additional counselors, nurses, and social workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the best way to help working families and build a stronger economy for us all is to make sure that we have quality public schools for our children, affordable public higher education, and a reliable transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, students need a well-rounded education, founded on a rich and varied curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), music, art, and athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, new state revenue is necessary to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges<sup>1</sup>, improve our public schools from Pre-K through college, invest in fast and reliable public transportation, make public higher education affordable again, and expand opportunities for healthy walking and bicycling; and

**WHEREAS**, wealthy Massachusetts residents saw their investments grow during this pandemic, while working families struggled, and Massachusetts' wealthiest residents should pay their fair share to support our communities and grow our economy.

**THEREFORE**, let it be resolved that the Greenfield Public Schools School Committee supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation.

1. Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, ["Who Pays? Low and Middle Earners in Massachusetts Pay Larger Shares of their Income in Taxes"](#)