



**City of Berlin
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

A RESOLUTION accepting and appropriating a Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Transformative Education Governance Award in the amount of Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$94,155.00) in FY17-18, for the implementation of a highly engaged participatory and democratic planning process for the delivery of the city's education system

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:

Whereas the local communities desire to participate in the engagement process to generate a range of alternative plans including regional collaboration of the school district; and

Whereas a local steering committee of school administration and community stakeholders, under the direction of NH and North Country Listens, of the Carsey School of Public Policy, will develop a strategic community engagement plan; and

Whereas the plan will include voices from community residents, students and parents, teachers, elected officials, and school leaders who will participate in community dialogues; and

Whereas the engagement plan includes: 1) data regarding demographic changes, financial realities of reduced state funding aid and its implication on local taxes, 2) aligning governance to include strong voices of students and parents, 3) improving students college and career readiness, 4) working regionally to achieve equity in a high level of student outcomes for all students in the Androscoggin Valley; and

Whereas major activities of the project will include audits of the effectiveness of current school governance structures to better understand and set goals for a new governance structure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH accepts a Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Transformative Education Governance Award in the amount of Ninety Four Thousand, One Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$94,155.00) in FY17-18, and appropriates such funds to the Berlin Public Schools for the purpose of the award.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED: _____
November 20, 2017

APPROVED: _____
Honorable Mayor Paul Grenier

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Riendeau, City Clerk