

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 21-299**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RED BANK BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ITS RECOMMENDATION AND REQUEST TO THE N.J. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DENY ANY REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Board of Education unanimously passed a strong resolution on August 31st, 2021 opposing the renewal of the Red Bank Charter School's five-year charter; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Borough Board of Education intends to send that resolution to the New Jersey Department of Education recommending that it deny any request for a renewal of the charter for Red Bank Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey is a municipality covering less than 2 square land miles; and

WHEREAS, the population of Red Bank is approximately 12,000, of whom 1,453 are children of Kindergarten to 8th grade age; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank contains two public school districts – one conventional and one charter – to serve those children; and

WHEREAS, both districts consume local tax dollars but the former is governed by a Board of Education elected by the residents of the Borough while the latter is governed by a self-generated Board not all members of which are Red Bank taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Charter School district requires taxpayers to pay approximately \$2,000,000 annually in duplicative administrative and other costs without showing a significant difference between the educational performance of the two districts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's funding formula fails to provide the Borough of Red Bank with a way to fund its schools equitably; and

WHEREAS, the Charter District serves up to only 180 Kindergarten to Grade 8 pupils; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly time to review the viability and purpose of supporting two public schools in an area of 2 square miles with fewer than 1500 students in grades Kindergarten to 8th grade and to consider consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank fully support the position of the Red Bank Borough Board of Education, and at the same time, recognize the need to formulate a transition plan that focuses on social, emotional and educational outcomes of all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey hereby supports the position of the Red Bank Borough Board of Education to recommend to the New Jersey Department of Education that it deny any request for a renewal of the charter for Red Bank Charter School; an

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Red Bank Borough Board of Education.

	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Yassin		X			
Councilwoman Triggiano		X			
Councilman Ballard		X			
Councilman Yngstrom		X			
Councilman Zipprich	Second	X			
Councilwoman Horgan	Motion	X			

Dated: November 23, 2021

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, at a meeting held on November 23, 2021.

Pamela Borghi

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk