

RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRFIELD PTA COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the PTA Council of Fairfield believes that every child of Fairfield must be assured of an equal level of educational experience and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the PTA Council of Fairfield feels that the children attending the Fairfield Public School system must not be placed in a position of undue stress in order to manage the fiscal needs of the Town of Fairfield; and

WHEREAS, the PTA Council of Fairfield has witnessed over time that deferred maintenance, cuts in curriculum and the educational programs add greater costs to the town budget in future years to repair buildings and restore programs; and

WHEREAS, the PTA Council of Fairfield recognizes that a strong and vibrant educational system is the cornerstone that helps maintain property values in the Town of Fairfield even in a down economy; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the PTA Council of Fairfield, supports the following document known as the “High Five for Fairfield Students” as a statement that we strongly believe make the Fairfield School District exceptional and the Town of Fairfield stronger, by creating an educational environment that is supportive of our students and necessary for optimum academic performance.

Dated: January 5, 2009

“High Five for Fairfield Students”

1. **Adhere to current Board of Education maximum class size guidelines.**
 - Kindergarten-2nd grade 23 children/class
 - 3rd-5th grades 25 children/class
 - 6th-12th grades 28 children/class
2. **Deliver a comprehensive curriculum to students of all ability levels.**
 - Provide equity in the educational experience for all students at all schools.
 - Required resources include teachers, technology, and optimum space for *all* curriculum areas.
 - Maintain enrichment opportunities for all students.
 - Revise/update curriculum regularly.
3. **Advance elementary school populations through middle and high schools as cohesive units.**
4. **Maintain the middle school learning community instructional model.**
 - Turns a large school into smaller communities.
 - Allows students and teachers to establish strong connections that are critical to academic success in this age group. <http://ci.portsmouth.nh.us/school/middleschooldesign/3.pdf>
5. **Provide and support the health, safety, wellness, and security of all students.**
 - Minimize the time students spend commuting.
 - Reduce congestion in and around schools.
 - Provide optimum space for the delivery of curriculum and associated services in all academic and common areas within each building.
 - Maintain school facilities to the highest standards.
 - Deliver nutritional meals to students in accordance with the health curriculum.