

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2021 – 163 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 4454 ADOPTED INTO LAW ON MARCH 1, 2021

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature and Governor have adopted and enacted amendments to the New Jersey Educational Curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year with respect to instruction on diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the legislation provides for discussion and topics in connection with gender and sexual orientation as part of the curriculum for kindergarten through twelfth grade beginning in the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, while the Council of the Township of West Milford supports the diversity and inclusion aspects of the curriculum, the governing body does not support discussion and materials relating to sexual orientation for children beginning with the kindergarten curriculum; and

WHEREAS, members of the governing body have seen excerpts of the proposed curriculum and believe that same are inappropriate for the age of children attending kindergarten for such instruction and discussion regarding sexual and gender entities with the concern that it does not provide parents the right to consider opting out of sexual orientation discussions or instruction on behalf of their children, nor does it provide for any other limitation or guidance with respect to sexual and gender discussion except that it must be implemented in the curriculum for students in grades through twelve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey that the governing body endorses the instruction for students with respect to diversity and inclusion, however, it does not support sexual identity orientation discussions or instruction for children at such a young age without parental notification and consideration of the materials and the parental right to preclude their children from such discussions and/or instruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council is concerned as to the extent of the materials and graphics that would be included as part of such instruction, discussion and curriculum materials for young children without parental notification and input.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution expressing the reservations of the Township Council of the Township of West Milford shall be forwarded to the Township's legislative representatives.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved: April 21, 2021

Adopted this 21st day of April 2021
and certified as a true copy of the original.

William Senande, Township Clerk