

TOWN OF GRAFTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In response to the Brigham Supreme Court decision, Act 60 was enacted in 1997 and required that the State Education Fund, based primarily on local property taxes, be used exclusively to support local school districts and supervisory unions. As the Education Fund has grown and with increased budgetary constraints in Montpelier, there have been a number of attempts to tap the Education Fund to pay for non local public education schemes.

WHEREAS, Last year, legislators diverted \$500,000 from the Education Fund for adult education and literacy services to pay for the cost of adult learners 16-20 years old not enrolled in local public schools.

WHEREAS, This year a proposal requests funding of \$775,000 to provide special education services to prisoners and others under the supervision of the State Department of Correction.

WHEREAS, The Chair of the House Education Committee has introduced H. 147 which proposes to expand the state education property tax uses to assume a significant portion of the state's capital construction obligations. The bill would levy an additional 5-cent property tax on all non-residential property to pay for what has been the state's general fund obligation for public school, technical center, university and state college capital construction requests.

RESOLVED, Grafton voters and tax payers do hereby go on record opposing any use of the State Education Fund that is outside of the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education."

We have signed this RESOLUTION officially and caused the seal of the Town of Grafton, Vermont to be affixed this 1st day of March, 2005.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Ana Vesely  
Paul Lopez  
David Rogers  
Richard A. L.  
Skip Hise