

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 21, 2025

The meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in person on Friday, November 21, 2025 at Reynolds School, 1st Floor Conference Room located at 235 High Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

I. Discussion and/or Possible Action

A. Legislative Priorities

This item was discussion only.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bristol Warren State Legislative Delegation
FROM: Bristol Warren Regional School Committee Members
DATE: November 18, 2025
RE: Legislative Priorities for the Bristol Warren Regional School District

1. Support the [recommendations](#) proposed by the RIDE Student Transportation Commission.
2. Develop an appropriate tuition for CTE students statewide.
 - a. RISSA has been working with superintendents to develop an agreement on notice of accepted students to a date that allows for budget planning.
3. Recommendation to amend the RI Constitution to include the right to an adequate and equitable education.
 - a. 8 of the 10 Northeastern states include in their state constitutions a clear guarantee of students' right to an adequate or equitable education. This constitutional language gives students and families a way to ensure the state meets its responsibility to provide sufficient funding, resources, and opportunities for all children to learn and succeed. Only RI and Maine do not.
 - b. S0177 (2025, Senate Joint Resolution) — A constitutional amendment proposal to guarantee a “right to an adequate, equitable and meaningful education” and to make it judicially enforceable, passed the Senate (35-0 on April 8, 2025).
 - c. H5459 (2025, House Joint Resolution) — The companion House version of the same constitutional amendment proposal was introduced February 12, 2025, it was referred to the House State Government & Elections Committee and on April 3 the committee recommended it be held for further study. It did not advance further.
4. Support an increase in the high cost special education categorical budget.
 - a. An increase in the amount being reimbursed to school districts is necessary given the anticipated decrease in Medicaid reimbursements for special education services. The decrease in federal reimbursements means school districts will have to directly fund a larger percentage of special education services than past years because the services are required under law.

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