

Resolution of the Northfield Board of Education

Establishing the Election of Members of the Northfield City Board of Education As the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November

- WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and
- WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and
- WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and
- WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and
- WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and
- WHEREAS, The Northfield City Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and
- WHEREAS, The Northfield City Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and
- WHEREAS, The Northfield City Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November. Now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the Northfield City Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the Northfield City Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place on January 7, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the Northfield City Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christopher Christie, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State Kimberly M. Guadagno; Richard E. Constable, III, Acting Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Robert F. Giles, Director, Division of Elections, Department of State; Edward P. McGettigan, Atlantic County Clerk; the Atlantic County Board of Elections; Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education; the Division of Finance, New Jersey Department of Education; and Thomas J. Dowd, Executive County Superintendent for Atlantic County; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Motion: Mr. Milhous

Second: Mr. Wynne

Roll Call

Mr. Barnhart	No	Mr. Travagline	No
Mr. Campbell	Yes	Mrs. White	Yes
Mr. Chau	Yes	Mr. Wynne	Yes
Mrs. Levitt	No	Mr. Palmieri	Yes
Mr. Milhous	No		

Linda Albright, Board Secretary
January 23, 2012