



Bellefonte Area School District - Board of School Directors
Mr. Rodney Musser, President
Dr. Michelle Saylor, Superintendent

Resolution - November 21, 2017

WHEREAS, a primary responsibility of a school district is to ensure the safety of its students and staff;
and

WHEREAS, I-99 in Spring Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania, supports in excess of 22,615 vehicles per day (Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) as reported in the 2015 PennDOT Traffic Study); and

WHEREAS, the I-99 and I-80 substandard interchange presents a safety hazard due to in part, but not limited to, a short ramp coming off of I-80 westbound, exacerbated by a relatively sharp curve, followed by a T-intersection with Route 26 in which sight lines are not ideal; and

WHEREAS, significant traffic congestion exceeds ramp capacity and creates a traffic backup onto I-99 and I-80, at times over a mile long, during peak traffic hours; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2016 and to date (November 2017) 79 crashes have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the district utilizes the interchange for bus, student, and staff traffic transporting 278 students (261 secondary and 17 elementary students) on six buses utilizing I-99; and

WHEREAS, the district is dedicated to ensuring the safety of its staff and students; and

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Bellefonte Area School Directors strongly urges the state lawmakers to garner funding for a local access interchange and high speed interchange at the crossroads of interstates 80 and 99; and

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Bellefonte Area School Directors supports the INFRA Grant for the I-80 and I-99 Interstate Connection submitted on November 2 at a total project cost of 183.4 million dollars with a specific grant request of 43.1 million dollars for the cost of our Local Access Interchange.

Signed, this 21st day of November, 2017.

Attest: Michelle Saylor, Ed.D.

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President, Board of School Directors