

# 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 4124 SENSE OF THE BOARD TO PROTECT CITY OF STAMFORD PARKS AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford has grown to the second largest City in the State of Connecticut and much of that growth is concentrated south of I-95;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford, the Board of Education, and the Long-Term Facilities Committee are tasked with addressing the current school building stock, and developing a long-term plan that may involve renovation, rebuilding, or new construction of school buildings;

**WHEREAS**, access to neighborhood parks, open space, and recreational resources are imperative to the quality of life of City residents;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford has a limited amount of public open space and parkland;

**WHEREAS**, Cove Island, other waterfront and inland parkland, are valuable community park resources that provide critical open space to underserved areas and are well utilized and loved by Stamford residents;

**WHEREAS**, Cove Island Park offers sensitive and irreplaceable habitat to 287 migratory bird species, two threatened species, one species of special concern, and other critical flora and fauna;

**WHEREAS**, the City's waterfront parks are subject to flooding during high tides, full moon cycles, and storm events;

**WHEREAS**, climate change and sea level rise can be expected to increase flooding events at the City's waterfront parks, therefore strengthening the importance of preserving inland parks;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the 31st Board of Representatives that City parkland should be removed from consideration as potential future school locations, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Representatives will not authorize new appropriations for design development, engineering, or construction of a new school on City parkland; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a future school site should:


1. Avoid impacting public parkland, open space, and recreational resources;


2. Be located on a street that is well served by sidewalks and public transportation, and has the roadway capacity to meet the anticipated peak hours of school generated traffic;
3. Be located on a site that is not subject to frequent flood events and is resilient to climate change;
4. Avoid sites that are substantially encumbered by wetlands, floodplains, and sensitive habitat areas; and
5. Consider the adaptive reuse or redevelopment of an existing school site or underutilized municipal, institutional, or commercial property.

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This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the regular monthly meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives held on March 7, 2022.

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