

**BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**200 West Weis Street, Tipton,**  
**Berks County, Pennsylvania 19562**

**Resolution Supporting Removal of Article XVI-C from the Public School Code of 1949**

**WHEREAS**, school districts in this Commonwealth continue to face unprecedented fiscal hardships as a result of the economic downturn and are struggling to maintain challenging programs for students and an adequate and competent staff; and

**WHEREAS**, unfunded and underfunded state-imposed mandates serve only to exacerbate the already difficult financial situations as school districts need greater flexibility in order to balance their budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of Title IX, which is federal law, are not applicable to local school districts and this state law exceeds the requirements of the federal law at the expense of our school district; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a necessity for school districts to have the utmost flexibility in decisions regarding sports program offerings and facilities based on overall interest of the student body and the financial ability of the school district to provide such programs; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts are not required to offer interscholastic athletic programs by state or federal law, they should not be mandated to provide reporting on programs that are voluntarily offered at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation re-introduced by Representative Knowles, repeals the sports gender reporting mandate on local school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation introduced by Representative Oberlander under House Bill 1734, limits the current extensive interscholastic athletics reporting requirements under Act 82 of 2012.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brandywine Heights Area School District supports the legislation re-introduced by Representative Knowles, legislation introduced by Representative Oberlander under House Bill 1734 and similar legislation or effort by the General Assembly that removes Article XVI-C from the Public School Code of 1949.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be provided to the school district state legislators to demand the removal of Article XVI-C from the Public School Code of 1949, as amended and to emphasize the cost savings it would provide to enable school districts to maintain interscholastic athletic opportunities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Brandywine Heights Area School District calls upon the General Assembly to begin immediate consideration of legislation that removes Article XVI-C from the Public School Code of 1949.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of School Directors of the Brandywine Heights Area School District on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS FOR THE  
BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:   
Kenneth L. Heffner, Board President

Attest:   
Nancy K. Krauss, Board Secretary