

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD**

**RESOLUTION 21-51**

**SUPPORT A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD, UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS AND CUMBERLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO ADDRESS EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIVITY ISSUES**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey League of Municipalities Foundation has received a grant of \$100,000 from Walmart to address educational connectivity issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the League Foundation is requesting joint proposals from municipalities and school districts for a first round of ten (10) \$10,000 grants to assist local governments and schools (pre-K-12) to address internet connectivity challenges related to virtual/distance learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Upper Deerfield, Upper Deerfield Township Schools (pre-K to 8) and Cumberland Regional High School (9-12) have agreed to create a partnership to request grant funding to construct additional connectivity locations for remote learning throughout the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, Upper Deerfield Township has a large number of individuals who are identified as low income and minority in the recently released NJDEP’s Overburdened Community Designation under the Environmental Justice Law, as determined in accordance with the most recent United States Census, in which: (1) at least 35 percent of the households qualify as low-income households; (2) at least 40 percent of the residents identify as minority or as members of a State recognized tribal community; and

**WHEREAS**, school professionals have identified ways to provide local connectivity hotspots to provide additional remote learning locations that will enable students to have free internet access.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield supports the aforementioned partnership with Upper Deerfield Township School District and Cumberland Regional High School to apply for a \$10,000 grant from the New Jersey League of Municipalities Foundation to address internet connectivity challenges related to virtual/distance learning in Upper Deerfield Township.

Moved By: Bruce Peterson

Seconded By: John Daddario

VOTING

James P. Crilley  
John L. Daddario  
John T. O’Neill, Sr.  
Bruce T. Peterson  
Scott Smith

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held January 21, 2021.

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk