

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 490 OF 2019

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS GERAGHTY, FRASIER, MCDEVITT, LEGGETT, BRAYMER, SIMPSON, HYDE, DIAMOND, LOEB, MERLINO AND SOKOL

SUPPORTING ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S REQUEST FOR A PERMANENT FUNDING FLOOR FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASE STATE-AID FORMULA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

WHEREAS, Community Colleges serve as economic engines that provide a trained workforce and educated citizenry for the State of New York and the local communities in which they are located, and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges are anchor institutions that help keep their communities strong and vibrant by serving as major employers, community hubs and social centers, and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges are the primary catalyst to the middle class by serving more low-income students than any other sector of higher education, and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges anticipate and respond to the emerging needs of their local communities and remain the most adaptable sector of higher education, and

WHEREAS, Community Colleges serve nearly half of all undergraduates enrolled in the SUNY system along with nearly as many life-long learners through non-credit classes, and

WHEREAS, a level of predictability in State funding is essential to provide community colleges the ability to plan and budget accordingly and recognizes each college's annual fixed costs, and

WHEREAS, the 98% of the previous year or One Hundred Dollar (\$100) increase per FTE, whichever is greater, language added to the community college funding model for fiscal year 2019 was a step in the right direction and appreciated, and

WHEREAS, the funding floor should be set in State statute at 100% of the previous year or One Hundred Dollar (\$100) increase per FTE, whichever is greater, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors fully supports the proposal that New York State change the base state aid formula allocation for each community college to be permanently set at 100% of the previous year or One Hundred Dollar (\$100) increase per FTE, whichever is greater.