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WHEREAS, The Connetquot CSD of Islip has delegated the responsibility of educating many Connetquot students in the Alternative Learning Center through BOCES contracted services, and,

WHEREAS, the Association is deeply concerned about the quality of this educational program and the impact of the program on those students placed in the Alternative Learning Center, and

WHEREAS, the Association has contacted the District about specific concerns, specifically the apparent lack of appropriate certification by the BOCES teachers who are instructing students placed in the Alternative Learning Center, and

WHEREAS, in New York State there is a legal requirement that teachers possess such certification, and

WHEREAS, the Association has expressed specific concerns regarding the procedures and nature of the organization of the Alternative Learning Center and the impact this has on student learning, and

WHEREAS, the Association has contacted the District to clarify this and other concerns, and has been told that we had to contact BOCES, and

WHEREAS, BOCES upon being contacted stated that any concerns or questions regarding the Alternative Learning Center must be directed to the District,

WHEREAS, while BOCES is providing this contracted service, the Connetquot CSD is ultimately responsible for the education, health and safety of its students and cannot delegate such responsibility to an outside agency without total oversight and understanding, and

WHEREAS the Association believes that the apparent lack of such oversight and knowledge appears not to be in conformity with the District's legal responsibility, and

WHEREAS, the Association has these and other concerns including the lack of communication between the Connetquot professional staff and BOCES contractors, the failure of the District to evaluate the BOCES staff as it does Connetquot professional staff, the warehousing of middle school students alongside high school students, and the failure of the District to clearly explain the procedure that BOCES contractors will use to pick up and return actual assignments for such students from the professional staff, and

WHEREAS, the District has had organizational procedures in place for years prior to using BOCES contractors that the Association believes better met the educational needs of Connetquot students now placed in the Alternative Learning Center, and

WHEREAS, the BOCES Alternative Learning Center in our professional opinion is having an adverse impact on the learning of Connetquot students, and by all indicators will continue to do so in the future, and

WHEREAS, the Association believes teachers in the classroom assigned to these students who are ultimately responsible for their students success and failure and whose evaluations will reflect students achievement should have the option to teach said students,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Connetquot Teachers Association calls on the Board of Education as the entity responsible for the welfare of all Connetquot students to fully investigate both the failure of the District administration to provide and maintain proper oversight, and the apparent adverse impact that placement in the Alternative Learning Center has on the education of Connetquot students.