

Resolution on the Provision of Environmental Science Courses in Franklin High School

WHEREAS, The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is appointed by the Township Council to evaluate and make recommendations on issues in the township which impact the quality of our environment; and

WHEREAS, The Franklin Township Environmental Commission members often learn of situations wherein residents take certain actions which may degrade our environment; and

WHEREAS, Such actions may be considered insignificant or harmless by many citizens of the township; and

WHEREAS, Acceptance of these actions as insignificant or harmless reflects a lack of knowledge and awareness of basic environmental principles; and

WHEREAS, Knowledge and awareness of such basic environmental principles is critical to the future protection of our natural resources and public health; and

WHEREAS, Knowledge and awareness of such basic environmental principles may result in a change in behavior by residents which may reduce or eliminate the degradation of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Such a change in behavior may enhance the quality of life and health for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Franklin High School holds a pivotal role in the development of responsible citizens who depend on the environment both now and into the future; be it

RESOLVED, That the Franklin Township Environmental Commission fully supports any and all Environmental Science education at Franklin High School; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Franklin Township Environmental Commission recommends that a basic Environmental Science course be provided to every student at Franklin High School as a science requirement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an advanced Environmental Science course be offered to students at Franklin High School as a science elective; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the Principal of Franklin High School, to the Superintendent of Franklin Township Public Schools, to the Members of the Franklin Township Board of Education, and to others as appropriate.

Adopted by the Franklin Township Environmental Commission, July 11, 2005

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