

CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK
RESOLUTION NO. 20-14
REQUESTED BY: COUNCILMAN WERING
SPONSORED BY: CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
7.9 MILL CONTINUING OPERATING LEVY ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the education of children is a cornerstone of society and directly effects the overall quality of life for all of the residents in a community; and,

WHEREAS, the plan to place a new operating levy on the November 2020 ballot has been shared with the community at each of the four past State of the Community addresses; and,

WHEREAS, the Fairview Park City School District has not requested new operating dollars of residents for 14 years (since 2006); and,

WHEREAS, the Fairview Park City School District has made significant budget cuts over the past several years, including cuts of over \$1 million dollars in just the past year to offset recent shortfalls and keep this request to taxpayers as low as possible; and,

WHEREAS, approval of this tax levy will permit the school district to avoid double-digit reductions of teachers and support staff, maintain smaller class sizes, continue athletics and students activities, avoid cuts in transportation, sustain academic improvements and keep technology up to date; and,

WHEREAS, strong schools contribute to proven increases in property values and enhance the community's positive image and reputation in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Fairview Park hereby supports the Fairview Park City School District's 7.9 mill continuing operating levy on the November 3, 2020 ballot and strongly urges the support of the same.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Superintendent of Schools and the members of the Board of Education.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare; and provided it receives the affirmative vote of a majority plus one of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:
APPROVED:

1st reading: 10.05.20
2nd reading:
3rd reading:

Michael P. Kilbane, President of Council

Patrick J. Cooney, Mayor

Liz L. Westbrooks, Clerk of Council