



LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

RESOLUTION 2026-06

**RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
APPROVING THE BALLOT LANGUAGE,
AND SUBMITTING THE LANGUAGE TO THE DLGF
FOR FINAL APPROVAL FOR
THE SCHOOL CITY OF WHITING
PUBLIC REFERENDUM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.6 (the "Statute"), the School City of Whiting (the "School Corporation") did, on June 1, 2026, adopt a preliminary determination resolution regarding the issuance of bonds or entering into a lease to finance the School City of Whiting 2026 Student Facilities, Safety, and Transportation Improvement Project which includes health, safety, and security upgrades to all school facilities; renovation and improvements and the potential construction of additions to student learning environments at all school buildings, upgrades to school buildings to support technology-ready classrooms; construction of and improvements to athletic and support facilities and performing arts and music facilities, including a band room, together with the purchase of equipment, technology and buses to provide a safe and healthy learning environment (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, a certified petition was, or is reasonably expected to be, received requesting the application of a local public question process for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statute, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration (the "Board") is required to submit to the Department of Local Government Finance (the "DLGF") the proposed language to be placed on the ballot regarding the Project for the DLGF's review, evaluation, and recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves the following ballot language (the "Ballot Language") to be submitted to the DLGF for review:

"Shall School City of Whiting increase property taxes paid to the School Corporation for no more than twenty-three years for the purpose of funding the School City of Whiting 2026 Student Facilities, Safety, and Transportation Improvement Project which includes health, safety, and security upgrades to all school facilities;



renovation and improvements and the potential construction of additions to student learning environments at all school buildings; upgrades to school buildings to support technology-ready classrooms; and construction of and improvements to athletic and support facilities and performing arts and music facilities, including a band room, together with the purchase of equipment, technology and buses, and student safety improvements for which the principal debt amount for the project will cost no more than \$39,305,000 and the financing cost including interest and fees will cost no more than an additional \$28,810,000 and is estimated to increase the property taxes paid to the School Corporation by imposing a property tax rate that results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed \$3,500,000. If this capital referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of \$250,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by \$530 per year."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board hereby authorizes the County Clerk, on behalf of this Board, to submit the Ballot Language to the DLGF and authorizes the Clerk to sign any and all documents needed to alter the public question to conform to any modifications made by the DLGF.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June 2026.

Lake County Board of Elections and Registration

Kevin Smith, Chairman

Mara Candelaria Reardon, Member

John P. Reed, Member

by Stephen A. Archer, Proxy

Michael Brown, Clerk, Ex-officio Member

Charlene Foss-Eggemann, Member

ATTEST:

Michelle Fajman, Director