

SCHOOL CITY OF HAMMOND
RESOLUTION # 2223-10

REQUESTING A SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX
OPERATION LEVY REFERENDUM RENEWAL

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-46-1 authorizes a school corporation to place a referendum on the ballot to impose a referendum tax levy;

WHEREAS, the locally-elected Board of School Trustees (the “Board”) of the School City of Hammond (the “School Corporation”) has considered and deliberated as to the need to undertake a referendum at the November 7, 2023 election for the extension of the existing referendum tax to continue to carry out its public education duty;

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the placement of a public referendum on the ballot to continue to extend the existing referendum tax levy pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1 at the municipal general election on November 7, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the School Corporation cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public education duty to its students and its community unless it continues to impose a referendum tax levy under Indiana Code 20-46-1;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, consistent with recently passed legislation by the Indiana General Assembly that the proceeds of such referendum tax levy will be used to provide a distribution to any charter school serving students who reside in the geographic area of the School Corporation, as set forth on Exhibit B hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expected amount of annual revenue to be collected if a referendum levy is extended and imposed is \$14,675,825.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the specific purposes for which the referendum levy will be collected include teaching positions, staff positions, educational programs, school programs, school bus transportation programs, school health, equity, safety, and security programs as are set forth in the revenue spending plan attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Renew Our Hammond Schools—Invest in Our Community” Program) and incorporated into this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate per \$100 of net assessed taxable property would be \$0.44;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public question to be submitted to the voters shall be in compliance with the form proscribed by Indiana Code 20-46-1-10.1, in the form as follows:

“Shall the School City of Hammond continue to impose increased property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the Renew Our Hammond Schools - Invest in Our Community Program consisting of teaching positions, staff positions, educational programs, school programs, school bus transportation programs, school health, equity, safety, and security programs at a continued property tax rate of \$0.44? The property tax increase requested in this referendum was originally approved by the voters in 2017 and if extended will increase the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence within the school corporation by 50.37% and if extended will increase the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property within the school corporation by 45.07%.”


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-8(b), the Secretary of this Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, the Lake County Election Board, the Lake County Clerk and the Lake County Auditor (for informational purposes only) in order to have the public question placed upon the ballot of the general election on November 7, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent Operations/CFO is directed to coordinate with the Department of Education to determine what, if any, charter schools enroll students that reside within the School Corporation boundaries and to communicate with those charter schools to determine if they desire to participate in this referendum

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Members of the Board, the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary and prudent under existing State laws to gain passage of this referendum at the general election on November 7, 2023.

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2023.

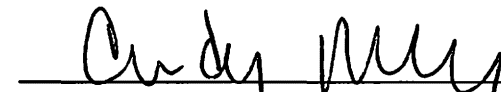
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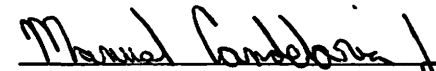
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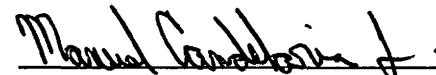


Kelly Spencer-Cline, Trustee



Manuel Candelaria, Jr., Secretary

WITNESSED and CERTIFIED by:



Manuel Candelaria, Jr., Secretary