

RESOLUTION NO. CR-29-09

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE ISSUE 2, THE SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOL 8.3 MILL OPERATING LEVY ON AUGUST 4, 2009

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the City of Grove City to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, a healthy school system is critical to the economic stability and success of the community; and

WHEREAS, the SWCS Board has reduced the budget by more than \$18 million and 300 positions over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, to balance the budget, the Board has adopted \$8 million in reductions for the next school year, \$4.2 million which will be eliminated regardless of passage of additional operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the SWCS Board has placed an 8.3 mill levy on the ballot, to be collected for four years, that will reinstate \$4 million in reductions to athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, clubs, before and after school programs, and high school busing; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the future economic well being of the City of Grove City that the South-Western City Schools provide a quality program of education to our individual and corporate citizens in order for the community to compete for jobs and quality employees now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, if SWCS is not able to provide quality educational programs and make available its facilities to the community, the future value of "all" real estate in the City will decline; and

WHEREAS, a decline in property values will have a negative impact on other public entities that are funded by property taxes including, but not limited to, Jackson Township, Pleasant Township, Franklin Township, Prairie Township, the City of Grove City, and Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, SWCS is the largest employer for income tax purposes in the City; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the well being of the community and its citizens that the City maintain its current base of employment; and

WHEREAS, SWCS also makes available its facilities in order for the City to provide valuable community programs to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City currently has programs for latch key services, youth basketball accommodating over 900 children annually, youth baseball diamonds and many other activities with SWCS; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Issue 2 be approved in order to maintain the healthy and vitality of the City of Grove City and the South-Western City School District.

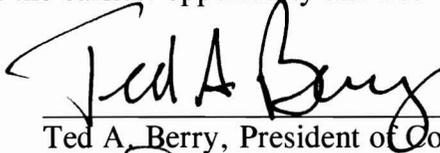
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council sincerely urges the residents of the South-Western City School District to support our youth and the future of our community by voting "YES" for Issue 2 on August 4, 2009.

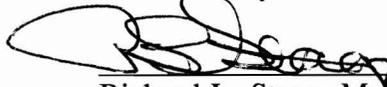
SECTION 2. This Council urges the Administration to prepare a plan that will include two (2) factual, informational mailings that would be sent to registered voters of Grove City and may also utilize newspaper advertisements, distributed equally in the Grove City Record, Grove City News and Southwest Messenger, and utilize radio ads. Council supports messages that focus on factual, information related to the economic and social impact that the failure of this Levy will have on the City and its residents. No elected official should be quoted, named or their likeness used in any of the mailings or advertisements in this factual, informational campaign from the City. The plan and all documents should be submitted to Council for comment prior to being distributed.

SECTION 3. This Council also supports the use of Community Development Funds for these mailings and media advertisements for this informational effort.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.



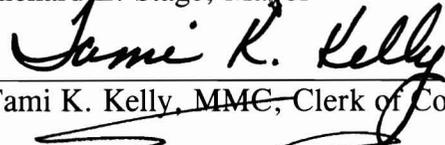
Ted A. Berry, President of Council



Richard L. Stage, Mayor

Passed: 06-15-09
Effective: 06-15-09

Attest:



Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council

I Certify that this resolution is correct as to form.



Stephen J. Smith, Director of Law