

Resolution No. 2002-29

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for the Clover Park School District Bond Levy coming before the voters on February 4, 2003.

WHEREAS, education is critical to the moral, emotional and intellectual development of

all citizens of the City of Lakewood; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Clover Park School District, with more than 13,000 enrolled students, is in need of capital improvements, including the remodeling of outdated buildings and the construction of new facilities to alleviate overcrowded classrooms; and,

WHEREAS, said capitol improvements will improve student safety, will include renovated and modernized classrooms, a new library, a performing arts center/auditorium with 600 seats, an auxiliary gym and a revamped swimming pool, and will improve the quality of education for students within the Clover Park School District; and,

WHEREAS, the Clover Park School Board of Directors has approved a resolution to place a bond proposal before the voters on February 4, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the average age of Clover Park School District schools is 46 years old. Although the district has always operated a comprehensive maintenance program for its facilities, the combined factors of student population growth and aging cause the need for new, updated facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Clover Park School District installed five portables last summer to address overcrowding at Mann, Hudtloff and Woodbrook Middle Schools. There are 11 portables at their middle schools. Cost associated with each portable, including installation, is \$70,000 -- \$110,000. Portables are designed to be used on a temporary basis; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens' Facilities Advisory Committee's (FAC) Capital Improvement Plan calls for updating all school facilities over a 40 year period. Lakes High School and a new middle school are top priorities. Once those needs are addressed, the FAC will reconvene and prioritize the next facilities to be upgraded; and,

WHEREAS, all middle school are at or over their student enrollment capacity. When a new middle school is built, the enrollment at the existing middle schools will be reduced. In addition, the current middle schools are all former junior high schools, which are designed for an academic program that does not match the developmental needs of young adolescents. With the addition of a new middle school, existing schools will be better able to accommodate the middle school instructional program; and,

WHEREAS, Clover Park School District schools currently meet only the 1970-80 fire and building safety codes and these codes have changed significantly.

WHEREAS, to comply with current codes requires significant changes at most schools, including sprinkler systems, visual fire alarms and up-to-date smoke detectors. If a fire occurred, the survivability of the buildings is seriously diminished with the lack of these safety improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Clover Park School District facilities currently meet the minimum requirements for accessibility for disabled persons. Most schools have only one door and one bathroom for disabled students, staff and visitors. Student study stations, ramps, sidewalk cutouts and other modifications are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council expresses its support for the passage of the bond issue funding capital improvements within the Clover Park School District, which will come before the voters on February 4, 2003.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of December, 2002.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

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