

## **Resolution Placing Conditions on Issuance and Use of Certain Bonds**

WHEREAS, the Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education, hereafter "the Board," values the input of our local community, parents, families, students, staff, and administration.

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the community concern regarding the lack of transparency and community involvement leading up to the administration's 2025 Bond recommendations for elementary building consolidation, renovation, and/or new construction.

WHEREAS, the Board also acknowledges the complex nature of the Bond planning process and does not seek to delay receipt of funds needed for other projects and maintenance needs that are also included in the Bond recommendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board supports the 2025 Bond initiative recommendation to include funds to be used for either the renovations of Lee's Summit Elementary (LSE) and Westview Elementary (WVE) or the consolidation of LSE and WVE, only after the District Superintendent has met the following conditions:

1. The administration will conduct a comprehensive district-wide evaluation of elementary enrollment ("Enrollment Evaluation") in order to create a 5- and 10-year strategic district plan ("Strategic Plan") to address declining and shifting enrollment areas.
2. The Strategic Plan will evaluate all options at the District's disposal to address declining and shifting enrollment areas, including but not limited to: boundary changes, multi-site Pre-K, special program relocation, and consolidation of existing schools.
3. In evaluating those options, the Strategic Plan will address factors including but not limited to: current demographic projections in the context of the accuracy of historical projections, current building operating costs, future building operating and renovation costs, building age and viability, student-to-classroom teacher ratios, accessibility of student services, student transportation needs, District transportation capabilities, Title I building staffing standards, and the unique needs of the student populations served in each enrollment area.
4. The Strategic Plan will also address and develop District standards and thresholds for determining when an elementary school building will be evaluated for actions to address enrollment concerns that could affect quality of services.
5. The development of the Strategic Plan will involve all District stakeholders: parents, classroom staff, support staff, building administrators, community members, and board members. The ratio of non-building administration to other committee members shall not exceed more than one such administrator to 20 committee members. The committee will be co-chaired by at least one community member to be approved by the Board and will be subject to the Missouri Sunshine Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, no construction work to effect a consolidation of LSE and WVE will commence until the Enrollment Evaluation and Strategic Plan have been completed, presented to the Board, and its recommendations pertaining to LSE and WVE have been approved by the Board; provided, however, that WVE's kitchen/cafeteria renovation and other general maintenance needs as well as LSE's general maintenance needs intended to be funded by the 2025 Bond funds may commence at any time upon the issuance of the 2025 Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, approximately \$40 million of proceeds from the 2025 Bond issuance, if approved by voters, will remain unsold in a separate tranche, and may be sold and used only for either the WVE expansion to accommodate a consolidation of LSE into WVE or for the renovation of both buildings as standalone elementaries, provided the Board approves

the recommendations of the Strategic Plan pertaining to LSE and WVE. If the Board refuses to approve funding for the purposes stated in this paragraph, it may approve the sale of the remaining \$40 million in bonds for use on other projects permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if LSE consolidates into WVE, the Board will not approve the sale of the historic and cherished LSE building or the land on which it sits at any point; rather the Board resolves to retain ownership and utilize the facility for District purposes.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Board President

ATTESTED BY:

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Clerk  
Lee's Summit R-7 School District  
Board of Education