

**ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 10-18**

The following resolution was offered by _____ seconded by _____:

A resolution that the Orleans Parish School Board authorize a total one-time allocation of \$3,000,000.00 from the general fund balance reserve to the FY 2018-2019 general fund budget for the purpose of expanding early childhood education in New Orleans.

WHEREAS, nearly 12,000 low income families in New Orleans do not have access to affordable, quality early learning programs for children aged 0-3; and,

WHEREAS, children who attend quality preschool programs are three times more likely to go to college and own a home later in life; and,

WHEREAS, “Expand access to early childhood education” is one of the eight long-term goals approved by the Orleans Parish School Board during the November, 16 2017 board business meeting; and,

WHEREAS, research shows every dollar invested in high quality early learning programs yields more than \$8 for the local community through better education, economic, health and social outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 17:407.30 allows the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to award a local school board with up to 50% of any funds the local school board directs to early childhood care and education; and,

WHEREAS, the Orleans Parish School Board desires to support a pilot early childhood education expansion program, providing a successful model for future efforts of the Orleans Parish School Board to raised dedicated tax revenues for early childhood education in New Orleans; and,

WHEREAS, the Orleans Parish School Board desires to allocate \$3,000,000.00 from its general fund balance system-wide reserve to fund said priorities and efficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Orleans Parish School Board determines that such an allocation is a permissible use of the system-wide reserve, pursuant to the provisions of Policy DC, *Annual Operating Budget*, that authorize such use for unforeseen, exceptional circumstances as follows:

- (1) The non-recurring allocation of \$3,000,000 from the general fund balance for early childhood education is not reasonably anticipated to recur, and is expected to capture system-wide efficiencies to direct more resources to students;
- (2) Nearly 12,000 low income families in New Orleans do not have access to affordable, quality early learning programs;

- (3) The Orleans Parish School Board has the ability to direct those funds so that additional state funds may be obtained to address the extreme need for expanded early childhood care and education;
- (4) The Orleans Parish School Board desires to leverage the early childhood expansion activities made possible with these funds as a demonstration pilot project for securing additional district revenue sources for early childhood education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orleans Parish School Board hereby authorizes the allocation of \$3,000,000.00 from the general fund balance reserve to the FY 2018-2019 general fund budget for the purpose of expanding early childhood education in New Orleans.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENTS:

ABSTENTIONS:

PASSED AND ADOPTED AT THE ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING held at Timbers, 3520 General deGaulle Drive, Multi-purpose Room 1050, New Orleans, Louisiana, on the ____ day of _____, 2018.

ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

John A. Brown, Sr., President

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Orleans Parish School Board, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing two (2) pages constitute a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 10-18 adopted by said Orleans Parish School Board on _____.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of the School Board at New Orleans, Louisiana, on this _____ the day of _____, 2018.

(SEAL)

Henderson Lewis, Jr., Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer