RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 8

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARMA CITY SCHOOLS TAX LEVY (ISSUE 5) ON THE MAY 8, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, The Parma City School District is requesting a tax levy of 7.4 mills to fund up-to-date educational tools, keep and attract quality instructors and provide the programs students need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Parma City School District is the second largest school district in the county, with the average teachers' salary ranking 10th lowest in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Parma City School District keeps operating costs low, being the 7th lowest in building operation expenditures in the county, spending 28% less on building operations than the county average, and about 7% of the general fund is spent on operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, passage of Issue 5 will potentially hold off a new-money levy for at least six (6) years; and,

WHEREAS, without the passage of the 7.4 mill new money levy, the Ohio Department of Education will require the Parma City School District to cut $3.6 million in 2019 and additional $9.3 million in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a strong school system is critical to the future of Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills, and the quality of our schools directly impacts local property values, creating a more desirable community for families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, passage of Issue 5 is in the best interests of the students, schools, and the community, and in order for this district to continue to move forward and to prepare our children for the jobs of today and tomorrow, this levy must be passed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council and Administration support the Parma City Schools Tax Levy (Issue 5) on the May 8, 2018, Primary Election ballot. We call on all residents to vote in favor of Issue 5 in order for the Parma City School District to be able to continue to provide a top-quality education for the community's children and to give them the best opportunity for success beyond high school and for the City of Parma to remain a desirable community in which to raise these children.

Section 2. The Clerk of Council is directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Parma City School District Superintendent Dr. Carl Hilling and the Parma City School District Board Members.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the upcoming Primary Election in May; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 4-23-2018

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST Florence A. Bohdan
CLERK OF COUNCIL

4-23-2018
APPROVED

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: 4-23-2018

MAYOR