

## RESOLUTION

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 89 OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA AND SUBURBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF OKLAHOMA CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, 11 Okla. St. Ann., 2011, § 22-159, provides that municipalities may support any public school system located in whole or in part within the corporate limits of the municipality, including without limitation by the expenditures of municipal revenues for construction or improvement of public school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, 11 Okla. St. Ann., 2011, § 22-159, also provides that in furtherance of municipal support for any public school system, as authorized by said statutory provision, the municipal governing body may take all actions necessary to effectuate such support; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of The City of Oklahoma City (hereinafter “The City” or “City”) passed a limited-purpose excise tax for seven (7) years (January 1, 2002 – January 1, 2009) which was earmarked for providing or improving public schools or public school facilities attended by City-resident students; and

**WHEREAS**, this sales tax fund was known as the Oklahoma City metropolitan project tax fund (hereinafter “OCMAPS”); and funded the purchase, erection or renovation, repairs, purchase of school furniture, improvement of sites, transportation, equipment and projects for public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The City established a Joint Education Task force in 2011 between The City and the Independent School District No. 89 of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (hereinafter “OKCPS”); and

**WHEREAS**, The City and the Downtown Rotary Club established a teacher recognition program which honors a teacher every month of the school year at City Council meetings and provides a lunch with the Rotary Club; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers are recognized during the school year from the OKCPS and surrounding schools from Putnam City, Western Heights, Mustang, Moore and Edmond which are located within the corporate limits of The City.

**WHEREAS**, teachers of the month are recognized and given a \$500 stipend by the Downtown Rotary Club and the OKCPS Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, City employees have participated in “Reading Buddies” since 2012 at two elementary public schools in Oklahoma City and the program currently has 104 City employees mentoring 68 OKCPS students with reading and other school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, The City has provided information to OKCPS regarding TIF funding which was used for the renovation of the Emerson Health Clinic located at Emerson Alternative School, established a youth leadership program for the City Council, and assisted communities to have access to school buildings and playgrounds after regular school hours; and

**WHEREAS**, The City's public transportation and parking department (COTPA) has provided information for bus schedules, bus passes for school, work, and medical appointments all which were to increase student attendance and academic performance; and

**WHEREAS**, The City established a pilot program for junior and seniors at Emerson Alternative School to receive bus passes at a discounted rate of \$10 per month/student which normal pricing for bus passes are \$25; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 a new pilot program has been approved for all junior and senior level students at all OKCPS high schools to be provided bus passes at no cost and Emerson students may now receive their passes at no cost; and

**WHEREAS**, The City's planning department has and continues to provide zoning and planning strategies for future growth of schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The City's personnel department has and continues to provide assistance to OKCPS human resource department; and

**WHEREAS**, The City has also established joint programs with Oklahoma County-City Health Department, University of Central Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City Chamber, PAL (boys and girls), and First Tee to enhance public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of life for Oklahoma City residents is enhanced with quality public schools and public school facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, quality public schools and school facilities help to promote economic development and economic well-being within The City of Oklahoma City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The City of Oklahoma City and Mayor will continue to support OKCPS and Suburban School Districts located within the corporate limits of Oklahoma City and their teachers and administrative staff.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of The City of Oklahoma City and Mayor will continue to promote joint programs with other agencies to enhance public education, economic development, and community involvement all of which serves an important public purpose.

**ADOPTED** by the Council and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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**MAYOR**

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.

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