

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-07

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GLADSTONE RESIDENTS TO BECOME INFORMED ON THE NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND AND LEVY TRANSFER BALLOT MEASURE AND TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE ON APRIL 5, 2022.

WHEREAS, the NKC School District has over 21,000 students, covering 82 square miles of Clay County, MO making it the county's third largest employer; and

WHEREAS, the NKC School District is the largest school district on the Missouri side of the KC metro area and the second largest school district in the state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the NKC School District has experienced steady growth over the past several years and is projected to grow by an additional 300 students per year in the future and demographers do not see an easing of growth for the foreseeable future for NKC Schools; and

WHEREAS, as the district grapples with capacity issues, it is also faced with aging buildings and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the no tax increase \$140 million bonds will provide:

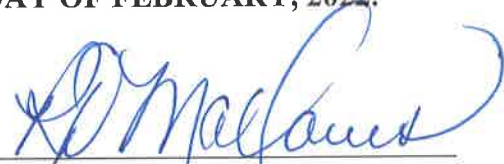
- Replacement of Nashua Elementary School in the Nashua neighborhood
- Replacement of Crestview Elementary School in the Crestview neighborhood
- Expansion of Rising Hill Elementary School
- Site work for a new school in Hodge Park
- Study of Winnwood and Lakewood Elementary Schools' physical needs
- Improvements to Meadowbrook Elementary School
- Improvements to Chapel Hill Elementary School
- Improvements to Clardy Elementary School
- Improvements to Linden West Elementary School
- Improvements to Oakwood Manor Elementary School
- Completion of repurposing of the old Prospect Plaza
- Creation of a second district Transportation Hub
- Playground Upgrades
- Safety and Security Updates
- Deferred Maintenance, and;

WHEREAS, NKC Schools has lowered its levy by 76 cents over the past five years making taxes lower for its patrons but now needs voter approval to transfer 20 cents from the district's debt service levy to its operational levy, resulting in no proposed tax increase to residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the City Council hereby publicly encourages all Gladstone residents to become informed on the proposed North Kansas City School District bond and levy transfer ballot initiative and to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election on April 5, 2022.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI THIS 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.



R.D. Mallams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Becky Jarrett, Deputy City Clerk



Request for Council Action

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BILL # City Clerk Only

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Date: 2/8/2022

Department: General Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 2/14/2022

Public Hearing: Yes Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: A Resolution encouraging Gladstone residents to become informed on the North Kansas City School District's Bond and Levy transfer ballot measure and to exercise their right to vote on April 5, 2022.

Background: Representatives from the North Kansas City School District made a presentation during the City Council Study Session on January 24, 2022 regarding their upcoming ballot initiative that would allow the transfer of funds from their debt service levy to their operations levy. This transfer allows the district to focus on operational costs, including personnel, and results in no tax increase to residents of the district. Due to Section 115.646 of the Missouri State Statutes, which prohibits the use of public funds to support a ballot measure, this Resolution can only recommend that residents educate themselves on the issue and encourage them to vote on April 5, 2022.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$0 from the N/A Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$ 0 annually. Previous years' funding was \$

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor

Bob Baer
Department Director/Administrator

JM
City Attorney

SW
City Manager