

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-13

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF GLADSTONE TO BECOME INFORMED ON THE PROPOSED NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND INITIATIVE AND TO VOTE ON APRIL 8, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Gladstone City Council believes it is important to remind all citizens of the positive impact a high-quality public education system has on a community; and

WHEREAS, NKC Schools has nearly 22,000 students, and covers 82 square miles of Clay County, MO making it the county's third largest employer; and

WHEREAS, NKC Schools 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, NKC Schools has experienced steady growth over the past several years and is projected to grow by an additional 150 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

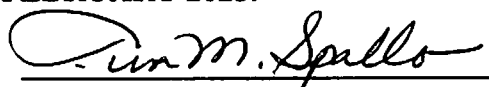
WHEREAS, the \$175 million bonds with NO TAX INCREASE to residents will provide:

- New Performing Arts Centers at Oak Park and Winnetonka
- Renovation of Northgate and New Mark Middle Schools
- Improvements at Oakwood Manor Elementary School
- Cycle Maintenance Projects Across the District, including the Replacement of Aging Rooftop Air Conditioning Units
- District Storage Facilities
- Purchase of the Northland Innovation Center (instead of leasing), to save money and expand District academic programming

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

THAT, the City Council hereby publicly encourages all residents to become informed on the proposed North Kansas City School District bond initiative and to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election on April 8, 2025.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.


Tina M. Spallo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kris Keller, City Clerk



Request for Council Action

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Date: 2/10/2025

Department: General Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 2/24/2025

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

Subject: A Resolution encouraging residents of Gladstone to become informed on the proposed North Kansas City School District bond initiative and to vote on April 8, 2025.

Background: The City recognizes the crucial role that a high-quality public education system plays in shaping and benefiting the community. With nearly 22,000 students, the NKSD represents the second largest district in the state. Because of the consistent student population growth, NKC Schools faces challenges related to capacity, as well as aging facilities and infrastructure. In response, the proposed \$175 million bond, which will not increase taxes for residents, will support essential upgrades, including new Performing Arts Centers at Oak Park and Winnetonka High Schools, renovations at Northgate and New Mark Middle Schools, improvements at Oakwood Manor Elementary, and the purchase of the Northland Innovation Center. This Resolution encourages Gladstone residents to become informed on the proposed bond initiative and exercise their right to vote on April 8, 2025.

Budget Discussion: N/A

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

CW
City Attorney

BB
City Manager