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Racine Unified School District Resolution

Cosponsored by Mayor Cory Mason, Council President Meekma, and Alders Jung, Land, Coe, Jones, Tate II, Shakoor, Horton, Levie, Taft, and Lemke

Whereas, the City of Racine and its residents have an opportunity to make a significant investment in bettering the educational outcomes of every child in the Racine Unified School District on April 7, 2020; and

Whereas, this investment will make the City more competitive regionally by being better able to attract new development and businesses, increase home ownership, and both retain current residents and increase the City's population over time; and

Whereas, the Racine Unified School District has done in due diligence in creating a facilities plan that will allow then to address the needs in every school building, and impact every child by introducing new learning spaces and programing aimed at increasing student achievement; and

Whereas, passage of the referendum will allow the school district to invest in new STEAM spaces across the district which will improve student achievement in math and science; and

Whereas, the school district will enhance the successful but space limited Academies of Racine to ensure that all students graduate college or career ready; and

Whereas, the passage of the referendum will allow the district to create new hands on, project based learning environments, additional mental health and special education spaces, provides dedicated funding for new classroom technology, and new community rooms at every building across the district, and

Whereas, the referendum allows for new and smaller middle schools, allowing for a more positive middle schools experience for all RUSD students, and

Whereas, the district will build new facilities in the City of Racine, including a new Red Apple STEAM Schools, two new middle schools, a new elementary school on the north side of the City, and expand the Starbuck International Baccalaureate school into a true kindergarten through 8th grade experience; and

Whereas, the referendum will allow for new early childhood experiences so that more children have access to quality 3 and 4 year old educational options; and

Now therefore, the City of Racine Common Council hereby resolve that the passage of the Racine Unified School District referendum will be transformational for the City of Racine and the community at large, and

Further resolve, the City of Racine appreciates the more than 20,000 hours it took to develop the facilities plan, as well as the significant investment the facilities plan makes in the City of Racine, and

Further resolve, the City of Racine encourages the residents of the City of Racine to support the Racine Unified School District referendum on April 7, 2020.

Fiscal Note: N/A