

**RESOLUTION NO. 24R-06-110**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY TO EXPLORE ALL ALTERNATIVES TO CLOSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND REQUESTING OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ON THE BOARD'S INITIATIVE TO REDEFINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER DENISE D. GRANT)**

WHEREAS, a school represents more than just a structure, as often times, public schools serve as the center of the community and become beloved gathering places where neighbors connect and share experiences, thereby fostering the identity and spirit of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long-standing tradition of supporting public education for its residents through partnerships and agreements with the School Board of Broward County ("School Board"), and aims to encourage the School Board to continue funding and operating all existing Broward County Public Schools ("BCPS") within the City of Lauderhill; and

WHEREAS, the City has made significant investments in public schools within its jurisdiction, enhancing facilities, student empowerment programming, career development programming, and resources to ensure students receive a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, BCPS is currently experiencing a significant enrollment decline of approximately 50,000 students, prompting the School Board to consider a realignment of school district resources to ensure the provision of high-quality instruction and enrichment for both current and future students; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of developing and reviewing plans for the construction of over 600 new housing units, which will contribute additional students to BCPS; and

WHEREAS, one of the strategies the School Board is evaluating to "right-size" the district involves the potential closure of several under-enrolled school facilities across Broward County; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, if the closure of public schools becomes necessary, it is just and appropriate for the local jurisdiction, which best understands the needs of its residents, to address the significant impacts of such closures through a community-focused vision and plan for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA.

Section 1. That the City Commission urges the School Board of Broward County not to close any City of Lauderhill Schools. However, if it is determined that a City of Lauderhill school does need to be closed, the City of Lauderhill requests that the School Board collaborate closely with the City of Lauderhill regarding the repurposing and use of the building. The City of Lauderhill requests that the School Board work closely with the City of Lauderhill in the planning and execution of its initiative to redefine public schools with a focus on transparency, respectful community engagement, and the equitable treatment of all neighborhoods affected by these critical decisions.

Section 2. That the City Clerk of the City of Lauderhill is hereby requested to send a copy of this resolution to: the School Board of Broward County, Florida, the Broward County Commission, and to all cities located in Broward County, Florida.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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