

RESOLUTION NO. 25R-01-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL OPPOSING THE BROWARD SCHOOL BOARD'S PROPOSAL TO REPURPOSE/CLOSE BROWARD ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SEND ITS STUDENTS TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MONTESSORI ACADEMY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER MELISSA P. DUNN).

WHEREAS, the Broward County School Board is considering closing, repurposing, and/or combining several schools in Broward County due to low enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County School Board held several community town hall meetings throughout Broward to discuss the proposal to close or repurpose several schools; and

WHEREAS, after hearing public comments opposing plans to close certain schools, including Broward Estates Elementary School, the Broward School Board approved a new plan to "repurpose" five schools instead of closing the schools; and

WHEREAS, under the new repurposing plan, the Broward School Board has directed the Superintendent to change Broward Estates Elementary School, located in Lauderhill, into a full-service learning center and current students at Broward Estates Elementary would be absorbed in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Montessori Academy; and

WHEREAS, many residents believe that the plan to repurpose Broward Estates Elementary School will have negative impacts on the learning environment of students in Lauderhill and are not in favor of the repurpose plan due to the negative impacts the potential change would have on their neighborhoods and children; and

WHEREAS, the Broward School Board's decision to repurpose Broward Estates Elementary is not final and the School Board will vote on the new plan in January 2025, and thus it is necessary for the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill to express its opposition to the repurposing plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lauderhill formally opposes the repurposing of Broward Estates Elementary School which has served Lauderhill's residents for generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, THAT:

SECTION 1. The above recitations are true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Lauderhill **strongly opposes** the

repurposing/closure of Broward Estates Elementary School and recommends that the Broward County School Board remove the measure from consideration.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is authorized to send a copy of the Resolution to the Broward County School Board and Superintendent.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

ANDREA M. ANDERSON, MMC
CITY CLERK

MOTION _____
SECOND _____

R. CAMPBELL _____
M. DUNN _____
D. GRANT _____
J. HODGSON _____
S. MARTIN _____

Approved as to Form

Hans Ottinot
Interim City Attorney