

RESOLUTION NO. 15-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, URGING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO COMPLETE THE REHABILITATION AND REPAIR OF STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, Stranahan High School is the City of Fort Lauderdale's second oldest high school, established in 1957 by Ivy Stranahan in honor of her husband and City pioneer Frank Stranahan; and

WHEREAS, the Sun-Sentinel reports that for years the school has "wallowed in disrepair, waiting for much needed fixes to its aging and rusting infrastructure"; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Public Schools, School Deficiency Listing dated September 1, 2014, list a total of 426 deficiencies at a cost of \$31,780,997; and

WHEREAS, Stranahan High School became the poster child for why a proposed \$800 Million Dollar School General Obligation Bond was needed; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, Broward County voters approved the General Obligation Bond Referendum for Safety, Music, Art, Athletics, Renovations and Technology (SMART) Investments; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Capital Program allocates only \$16,644,000 of the bond proceeds to projects at Stranahan High School; and

WHEREAS, certain repairs have been budgeted in both past and current school budgets, but said repairs have not been addressed; and


WHEREAS, a new roof, new air cooled chillers, the restoration of heat, and the installation of fire sprinklers were all previously included in prior year budgets, but their repairs and replacement have not be completed; and

WHEREAS, the school year is quickly approaching and these repairs need to be completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:


SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida hereby urges the School Board of Broward County, Florida to complete the rehabilitation and repair of Stranahan High School from current budgeted funds.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of July, 2015.



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH