

RESOLUTION NO. 24-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO RETAIN POSSESSION OF SCHOOL SITES CONSIDERED FOR CLOSURE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOL EXPANSION IN THE FUTURE; ENGAGE WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS' COMMUNITIES PRIOR TO REDESIGNING, REPURPOSING, OR CLOSING ANY SCHOOLS; CONSIDER THE NEED FOR FAMILY LITERACY AND EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTERS AND THE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE USES IN ANY REDESIGN PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale supports and advocates for quality public educational opportunities for all children and residents in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is committed to working with The School Board of Broward County, Florida ("SBBC") to create successful schools and quality educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, SBBC is engaged in a process entitled "Redefining Our Schools"; and

WHEREAS, over one-third (1/3) of the total number of schools district-wide proposed for changes are located within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of Fort Lauderdale requests that any school sites within the City of Fort Lauderdale being considered for closure, be retained by SBBC to preserve the opportunity for expansion of neighborhood schools in the future. These public-school sites should not be sold for private development but should be retained to serve the public good.


SECTION 2. The City Commission further requests that SBBC engage in community outreach with individual schools and their local communities prior to announcing any plan to redesign, repurpose, or close any specific school sites in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 3. The City Commission further requests that SBBC take into consideration the City of Fort Lauderdale’s identified need for Family Literacy and Early Childhood Learning Centers in any plan to redesign or repurpose school sites. Additionally, the City Commission supports and urges that SBBC consider the alternative uses and purposes for school sites designated for closure as noted on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit an executed copy of this resolution to The School Board of Broward County, Florida.


SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 2024.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN


Dean J. Trantalis Yea

John C. Herbst Yea

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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EXHIBIT 1

Redefining Schools in the City of Fort Lauderdale

The City of Fort Lauderdale supports the following redefining and/or repurposing efforts for school locations within the city:

Early Learning/Head Start/Early Head Start and Voluntary PreK Academy/School

Affordable Day Care Program

Museum of Discovery and Science Partner School

Broward Center for the Performing Arts Partner School

Sports Academy Focused School

CTE High School/Adult Program/Training Center

Fort Lauderdale Police/Fire/Aviation Academy

Dual Language Academy

Possible University School Partnership