

RESOLUTION NO. 21-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY'S RECOMMENDATION TO REPLACE THE CAFETERIA AND BATHROOMS AT STRANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL BASED ON THE NEED ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE REPLACEMENT SCHOOL ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, prioritizes education and has incorporated education within several goals adopted in the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 five-year strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Stranahan High School was built on land donated by Ivy Cromartie Stranahan and named after her husband, founding father Frank Stranahan, and, since 1957, has operated as a High School and the home of the Stranahan Mighty Dragons; and

WHEREAS, Stranahan High School has long served students, many of whom are residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale, through offering outstanding academic and nationally recognized Engineering Magnet, the Hospitality and Tourism Magnet, and the I Can Magnet programs, and has earned various athletic awards, including two-time State Basketball Championships in 2018-19 and 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Stranahan High School was evaluated in the "Replacement School Analysis: Stranahan High School" Castaldi report prepared by Brown and Brown Architects on behalf of the School Board of Broward County that recommended a new school, including a new cafeteria, which at the time was at 79% obsolescence and projected to be at 100% obsolescence in 2018, is the oldest high school cafeteria in Broward County with a capacity of 281, and has no air-conditioning in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County proceeded with creating plans for a new school and hired a contractor, but due to the recession, had to remove the project from the adopted District Education Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the School Board of Broward County asked the voters of Broward County to approve the General Obligation Bond Referendum for the Safety, Music, Art, Athletics, Renovations and Technology (SMART) and included Stranahan High School as an example of a facility that would benefit from its passage; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, Broward County voters approved the SMART General Obligation Bond Referendum to fund a capital improvement program to enhance the educational experience of Broward County Public Schools students; and

WHEREAS, the Edgewood Administrative Complex, a surplus property of the School Board of Broward County, Florida, located at 1300 SW 32<sup>nd</sup> Court in Fort Lauderdale, was disposed of in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale adopted Resolution No. 17-09 on January 18, 2017, urging the School Board to improve the Stranahan High School cafeteria using the revenue generated from the sale of the Edgewood Administrative Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Stranahan High School Cafeteria is now included in Phase 2 of the SMART Investments Stranahan High School renovations and is proposed as a renovation of the existing facility resulting in an occupancy capacity of 790 with no proposed bathroom upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board and Chief Education Officer collaborated with the School Board of Broward County and schools to capture residents' preferences for long-term facility and program enhancements for those SMART projects in the design phase; and

WHEREAS, the community presented questions and concerns to the City of Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board on April 22, 2021, regarding the proposed project scope for the Stranahan High School cafeteria project through the School Board of Broward County's SMART bond program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project scope for the Stranahan High School cafeteria is a renovation as opposed to building replacement and does not include bathroom upgrades within the renovated building; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale Education Advisory Board submitted a Communication to City Commission on May 4, 2021, to ask that the City Commission request that the School Board of Broward County ensure Stranahan High School receives the actual cafeteria construction it needs for current and future projected capacity and have the promised bathroom upgrades from 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission reviewed and discussed the recommendation made by the Education Advisory Board at the City Commission Conference meeting held on May 4, 2021, and engaged in further discussion with representatives from the School Board of Broward County staff and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, expresses support for the community's recommendation to replace the cafeteria and bathrooms at Stranahan High School based on the need established through the Replacement School Analysis and public input from the community;

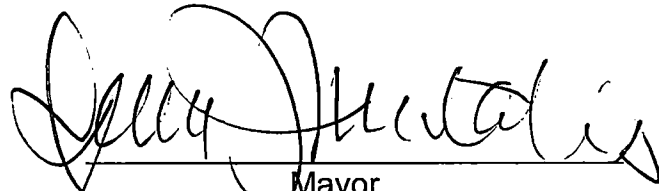
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby expresses support for the community's recommendation to replace the cafeteria and bathrooms at Stranahan High School based on the need established through the Replacement School Analysis and public input from the community.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the School Board of Broward County, Florida.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2021.

  
Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI