

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOLS COMPACT, RESERVING FOR ITSELF THE RIGHT TO APPOINT TWO INDIVIDUALS AS THE DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOLS COMPACT GOVERNING BODY AND PLEDGING TO SUPPORT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPACT AND IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDIES, RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITY NECESSARY FOR THE OKLAHOMA CITY SCHOOLS COMPACT BOARD TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OKLAHOMA CITY MAPS FOR KIDS TRUST AND THE OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, in late 2014 a task force of business and community leaders engaged by the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber began development of a new framework for community-wide substantive and measureable engagement with the Oklahoma City Public Schools (Independent School District No. 89 of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma), and

WHEREAS, the task force was charged with focusing on finding solutions to two key problems: 1) the common changes in elected and administrative leadership of the Oklahoma City Public Schools, which can make it difficult to implement and sustain success in the public schools, and 2) how to facilitate additional engagement of the many community organizations that can help the Oklahoma City Public Schools make needed improvement over an extended timeframe; and

WHEREAS, after several meetings, the task force recommended establishment of the Oklahoma City Schools Compact whose primary goal is to create, stimulate, accelerate and institutionalize community ownership of the outcomes of the Oklahoma City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the alignment of the purpose, manageability and creation of the Oklahoma City Schools Compact it has been recommended that a core group of Leadership Partners be assembled to lead the initial efforts of the compact, and that those Leadership Partners be: 1) Oklahoma City Public School District; 2) Greater Oklahoma City Chamber; 3) The Foundation for Oklahoma City Public Schools; 4) The City of Oklahoma City; and 5) the United Way of Central Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership Partners began meeting frequently in May 2015 and agreed that the Oklahoma City Schools Compact Governing Body should be composed of ten (10) members with each Leadership Partner appointing two members. Each member should be either, 1) a key elected or appointed executive officer of the Leadership Partner or 2) a professional leader or senior staff of the Leadership Partner; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Schools Compact is designed to provide a framework to identify potential solutions and strategies to address the challenges and needs of the Oklahoma City Public School District the Oklahoma City Public School Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Schools Compact Governing Body may create and establish Committees and Task Forces whose members should have experience or expertise in the field or focus topic under study and which members may be selected from Leadership Partners, citizens or other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Schools Compact Governing Body shall be responsible for: 1) establishing focus topics and tasks for Oklahoma City Schools Compact Committees and Task Forces; 2) review, revise and approve recommendations from Committees and Task Forces; 3) advance recommendations to Oklahoma City Public Schools District and School Board; and 4) provide input, guidance and perhaps additional resources to help implement recommendations, to the Oklahoma City Public Schools District, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education, and to the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area Public Schools Trust (commonly known as MAPS for Kids Trust); and

WHEREAS, the Committees and Task Forces shall be responsible for: 1) review/study/research on best practices and policies in assigned field or focus topics; 2) create, plan and assist in implementing new programs and procedures for the Oklahoma City Public School District; and 3) make recommendations to the Oklahoma City Schools Compact and the Oklahoma City Public Schools District in the assigned area of focus; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education finds that the mission and purposes of the Oklahoma City Schools Compact are consistent with the goals of Oklahoma City Public Schools to support the improvement and evolution of Oklahoma City's Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles set forth in the Oklahoma City Schools Compact are consistent with Oklahoma City Public School's Great Commitment in that the Oklahoma City Public Schools Compact will promote the public's security, property, health, safety and welfare of Oklahoma City Public Schools and;

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education will endeavor to appoint two representatives to the Oklahoma City Schools Compact Governing Body that are qualified to represent The Oklahoma City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education, finds pledging to support the studies and research necessary for the Oklahoma City Schools Compact Governing Body to make recommendations and findings to the Oklahoma City Public School District will enable the Compact to better reach its goal to create, stimulate, accelerate and institutionalize

community ownership of the outcomes of the Oklahoma City Public Schools and will be of significant benefit to Oklahoma City Public School's Great Commitment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS that:

1. The Oklahoma City Public Schools hereby declares full support of the Oklahoma City Schools Compact and finds that the mission and purposes of the Oklahoma City Schools Compact are consistent with the goals of Oklahoma City Public Schools and supports the improvement and evolution of Oklahoma City's Public Schools; and,
2. That, in a timely manner, two representatives will be designated as the District appointed representatives to the Oklahoma City Public Schools Compact Governing Body.

ADOPTED by the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education and **SIGNED** by the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board Chair, on this 11th day of January, 2016.



Ms. Lynne Hardin, Chairperson
Board of Education, Oklahoma City Public Schools

ATTEST:

Craig A. Cates, Board Clerk