RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

A RESOLUTION to support the proposed Lakewood City Schools tax levy to ensure that Lakewood students continue to enjoy the current high level of instruction, services, and facilities and to invest in new initiatives to further support students.

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Schools Board of Education has placed on the March 17, 2020 Primary Election ballot a 3.9 mill levy and a 1.0 mill permanent improvement levy to help keep Lakewood City Schools strong; and,

WHEREAS, every year, the Lakewood City Schools provide a well-rounded education and an opportunity-rich environment to nurture the next generation of leaders capable of succeeding and leading in an ever-changing, complex and global world; and,

WHEREAS, due to inconsistent and declining State funds, and the increasing costs of operations, the District is appealing to voters to make a modest investment to ensure its continued success; and,

WHEREAS, in response to the needs of students and families, the District is excited to move forward with new initiatives such as expanding early childhood programs, adding STEM offerings, and providing additional mental health services, which require this investment from taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Schools estimate the proposed tax levy will cost Lakewood taxpayers less than $2 per month per $100,000 of property value; and,

WHEREAS, Lakewood’s Community Vision affirms that Lakewood residents prioritize and value a high-quality K-12 education through excellent schools and support a culture of lifelong learning; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council does hereby endorse the proposed Lakewood City Schools (Issue 28) tax levy which will be decided by voters in the March 17, 2020 Primary Election.

Section 2. That this Council asks the residents of Lakewood to join in supporting the passage this important tax levy to help keep our schools strong for the next generation.

Section 3. That this Council does hereby remind the public to register to vote and to check their voter registration by the Feb. 18, 2020 deadline. Voter registration materials are available in the City Council Office at City Hall.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Adopted: 2/13/2020

President

Clerk

Mayor

Approved: 2/16/2020