

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17
INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR WARD
AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION OFFERING ENDORSEMENT OF THE SOUTH EUCLID-
LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION'S REQUEST FOR A 6.9 MIL LEVY ON THE
MARCH 17, 2020 BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Board of Education has, through cost-cutting and cost-avoidance measures, stretched the resources provided by the taxpayers without increase for over seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, those cost effective measures include, but are not limited to, performing many tasks using employees instead of contracted labor, negotiating fair and equitable labor contracts with District employees and right-sizing administrative personnel; decisions that have saved the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars allowing the District to outperform its annual financial forecasts; and

WHEREAS, additional savings have been realized through increasing the energy efficiency of District buildings which has also earned every building the Energy Star Award from the Federal EPA in recognition of the reduction in the District's energy footprint by over 35%; and

WHEREAS, members of the SEL Board of Education regularly report to the Lyndhurst City Council as to student achievement, District initiatives and financial milestones as well as participate in City-sponsored events where residents can be engaged and informed; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lyndhurst invited the public to an informational forum on February 6th, 2020 in order to gauge resident sentiment regarding the SEL Schools and the levy request along with assuring questions or concerns could be addressed. The forum was well attended with residents in attendance largely understanding the school's need for additional funding; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of this levy will address the inflationary rise in costs to general operations as well as a dedicated one mil for permanent improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council recognize that a strong community needs strong schools providing a well-rounded compliment of courses and activities. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDHURST, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT;

SECTION 1. This Council, on behalf of itself and the Mayor offers its endorsement of the South Euclid Lyndhurst City School's Levy as it will appear before the voters on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

SECTION 2. The Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meeting of this Council and that deliberations of this Council and of its Committees resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all statutory requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of The City of Lyndhurst because well-supported schools are an asset to the community and because the schools desire this indication of support as soon as possible. Therefor this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members elected to Council and signature by the Mayor, or otherwise at the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: February 17, 2020

MAYOR

VICE MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Lyndhurst, hereby certify that there is no newspaper published or having an office of publication in said City, and that I published the foregoing Resolution by advertising the same by title on one day in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in said City on February 27, 2020 and March 5, 2020.

Clerk of Council

First Reading: February 17, 2020

Second Reading: Suspended

Third Reading: Suspended

Passed 2-17-2020