

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 00-059

Expressing the Support of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners for Passage of the May 2000 Bond Funding for Centennial, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School Districts.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The public interest of all the citizens of the Multnomah County is served by stable, effective school systems, which create a vital economy and an attractive climate for children, families and business. Stable, effective schools avoid flight from public schools, increase public safety, produce an informed and involved electorate and provide equal opportunity and common bonds across socioeconomic and racial, and ethnic barriers.
- b. Both the population of children and poverty levels are rising faster in East Multnomah County than in other parts of the county, making adequate school facilities even more critical.
- c. Passage of a bond funding plan for the Centennial School District will allow for:
 - upgrading of basic building systems in Centennial High School to meet current codes
 - increasing capacity at the high school by 400 students
 - remodeling of instructional areas, including science labs at the high school
 - construction of a new 600-student elementary school to alleviate overcrowding and meet future growth demands.
- d. Passage of a bond funding plan for the Gresham-Barlow School District will allow for:
 - safety and seismic upgrades of several school buildings
 - expansion of facilities to relieve overcrowding and prepare for future growth
 - program changes and instructional support to improve student success.
- e. Passage of a bond-funding plan for the Reynolds School District will allow for:
 - capital repairs to existing schools
 - construction of a new elementary school to house the 950 new students expected in the next three years
 - construction of a new middle school to meet safety requirements
 - conversion of current middle school to alternative education classrooms
 - construction of additional classrooms and an auditorium at Reynolds High School.

- f. Multnomah County has provided millions of dollars in funding to school districts in Multnomah County in the past three years but cannot provide funding to the schools on a long-term basis.
- g. Multnomah County citizens need to hear from the County's elected leaders about the critical importance of providing essential funding to the public school system and the gap that will be filled by the bond revenues.

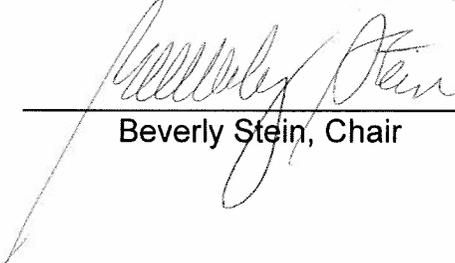
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

- 1. The County Board of Commissioners expresses its unanimous support for the May, 2000 bond measures that would provide essential funding to the Centennial, Gresham-Barlow, and Reynolds School Districts and help to maintain a healthy, diverse, and thriving public school system essential to the long-term well-being of Multnomah County and its citizens.

ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2000.



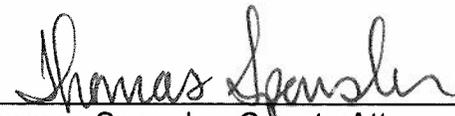
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