

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY GRANT APPLICATION AND AWARD ADMINISTRATION DOCUMENTS WITH THE NEA FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION, TO RATIFY THE CITY'S APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$275,000.00) IN SOUTHERN REGIONAL ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM FUNDING, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MODEL INITIATIVE ACROSS EIGHT (8) LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CAMPUSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, since August 2020, the City of Little Rock (“City”) and Little Rock School District (“LRSD”) have participated in The Southern Regional Alliance for Community Schools, a partnership among Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi educators, advocates, organizers, parents, policymakers and public officials to implement the Community Schools Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, the City and the Little Rock School District have worked toward the goal of implementing the community schools model as a powerful and proven strategy for educational equity by closing educational opportunity gaps through financial investment in student education and community involvement through the use of schools as community hubs; and,

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2022, the City entered into a Grant Agreement with the NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education for grant funding to implement the Community Schools Initiative in Little Rock School District campuses across the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City has been a NEA Foundation grant recipient annually since 2022 and desires to ratify the 2026-2027 application and acceptance of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) in grant funding from The NEA Foundation for the continuation of the Community Schools Initiative for the 2026-2027 school year; and,

WHEREAS, per the terms of the City’s subsequent Subaward Agreement with Little Rock School District, One Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$191,000.00) in NEA Foundation Grant funding will be utilized as follows across eight (8) Little Rock School district campuses:

- Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$82,000.00) to fund LRSD Social Workers salaries;

- Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to fund the Community Schools Coordinator salary; and,
- Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$34,000.00) to fund the Future Smiles Dental Clinic at Wakefield Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS;

Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any necessary application and award administration documents with the NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education and a subaward agreement with Little Rock School District, to ratify the City's application and acceptance of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00) in grant funding, to subsidize the continuation of the Southern Regional Alliance for Community Schools partnership for the Community Schools Model Initiative across eight (8) Little Rock School District School campuses, and to enter into any other necessary, related agreements. The subsequent subaward agreement for the Community Schools Initiative with Little Rock School District shall be in the amount of One Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$191,000.00).

Section 2. NEA Foundation grant funds are allocated in NEAF Community Schools 26-27 Account No. 270159 G15F262.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 4. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: September 1, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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