

RESOLUTION NO. 026-2018

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR THE FINDLAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Findlay City School District has proposed a 1.5 mill property tax levy that would begin collection on January 1, 2019 and run for five (5) years for the purposes of providing safety and security to the Findlay City School District; and,

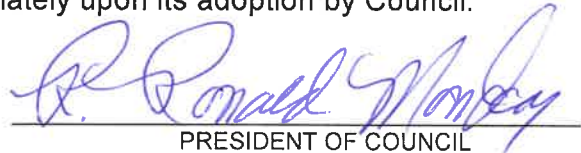
WHEREAS, funds raised from said levy will provide additional security personnel, enhanced mental health services, and surveillance and safety equipment and training; and,

WHEREAS, passage of this levy will enable a collaborative effort between the City of Findlay and the Findlay City School District with the City of Findlay providing six (6) School Resource Officers and equipment within the Findlay City School District; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Findlay, Ohio is in support of the proposed Property Tax Levy for Safety and Security for the Findlay City School District and urge its passage.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare and for the further reason that the said City of Findlay, Ohio City Council is in favor of said levy, therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by Council.


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


MAYOR

PASSED October 16, 2018

ATTEST Denise DeVore
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 16, 2018



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October 12, 2018

Mayor Mihalik and City Council
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Dear Mayor Mihalik and City Council;

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss our Safety & Security Levy on the ballot November 6, 2018. As a public school, we need to reflect the needs and desires of the community we serve in providing a quality educational program for the students in grades PK-12, in a safe environment. We feel very strongly about our commitment to the 7 Habits, and Trauma Informed Care, and what it has provided in developing soft skills and leadership opportunities for our students. In reflecting on our meeting I wanted to summarize the following points:

- Three areas that will be addressed from this Levy are Security Personnel, Mental Health Services, and Surveillance & Safety Equipment and Training
- The Levy is 1.5 Mill Levy that would begin collection January 1, 2019 and run for 5 years; and the district will report the expenditures from these funds to the community annually (Additional \$52.50 for \$100,000 homeowner)
- The funds from this Levy will remain in the three above mentioned categories and carry over to the next year if they are not expended that year. (This revenue will stay with categories intended for safety and security not into other areas of running the district operations.)

The collaborative effort between the City and School District is valued by our Administrative Team and Board of Education to provide School Resource Officers to the Findlay City Schools.

The priorities are cameras, radios, and training in the category of surveillance & safety equipment. Metal Detectors are not in proposed budget.

A student averages between 177 and 178 days a school year, which is 48% to 49% of the year. Having the opportunity to share the Findlay Police Department resources ensures the safety of our schools and the safety of our community.

In closing, again thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Safety and Security Levy with City Council. We value our collaborative efforts and hope to increase them as we move forward serving this community together. If there would be any further questions, please feel free to contact me. I strongly believe that the strength of the city is the school district, and the strength of the school district is the city.

Sincerely,

Edward P. Kurt
Superintendent of Schools

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