

Resolution Regarding Usage of Anticipated New Revenue

Whereas, the Jefferson County Board of Education has established a bold vision for the Future State of Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS); and

Whereas, the Future State of JCPS seeks to transform our students, our schools, and our city through strategic investment in the critical elements needed for all JCPS students to fulfill their academic, creative, and social potential; and

Whereas, we envision a future in which:

- Vastly more students are: academically on or above grade level; promoted to the next grade or upon graduation enrolled in post-secondary institutions without needing remediation; and prepared to succeed in life by becoming thoughtful, responsible citizens;
- Students receive mental health and social supports they need to succeed and thrive, especially in our high-needs schools;
- Differences in outcomes between racial and economic groups of JCPS students are substantially eliminated;
- JCPS teachers and students work and learn in the 21st century facilities they deserve; and
- Families enjoy expanded school choice through an assignment plan that ensures greater learning opportunities and transportation equity for students in West Louisville; and

Whereas, achieving the Future State is impossible without recruiting, developing, and retaining highly-effective teachers who, even in the most challenging times, demonstrate an unwavering commitment to student learning; and

Whereas, the Board has approximated to the best of our ability the costs of actions essential to delivering the Future State of JCPS; and

Whereas, the JCPS property tax rate has long been significantly less than the next largest cities in Kentucky; and

Whereas, the JCPS property tax rate has been consistently less than several nearby school districts, including Fayette County, Oldham County, Frankfort, Nelson County, and Henry County; and

Whereas, the Board has asked Jefferson County voters to approve, on November 3, 2020, an increase in Louisville's property tax from 73.6 cents to 80.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value; and

Whereas, the Board believes it is imperative, in this moment, to forge a broad and united coalition to say in one voice that investment in the future of our children, and all the benefits that derive therein, is a top community priority; and

Whereas, the Board has asked supporters of public education to express strong support for the proposed tax increase and the broader strategy of achieving JCPS' Future State; and

Whereas, the Board and the Superintendent seek to the best of our ability to provide voters a clear understanding of how the District plans to invest additional funds to make this Future State a reality;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Board expresses its intent that the District will budget and spend revenues from the voter-approved tax increase of approximately \$54 million in fiscal year 2021-22 according to the Future State plan:
 - a. At least \$15 million for 21st century facilities that engage students and faculty;
 - b. At least \$15 million for resources in our highest-need schools;
 - c. At least \$12 million for racial equity initiatives; and
 - d. At least \$12 million for additional student instructional time.

2. At the time this resolution is adopted, the JCPS Board of Education approving this resolution intends to add to these amounts the percentage increase of the Board-levied property tax in each subsequent year over a term of four additional years.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Jefferson County Public School district at its special meeting held this 17th day in September, 2020.

_____, Assistant Secretary to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at the September 17, 2020, meeting of the Jefferson Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voted.

Diane Porter
Chairperson

Martin Pollio, Ed.D.
Superintendent/Secretary