A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ARKANSAS
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION PERFORM A COMMUNITY
IMPACT STUDY REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas ("the City"), is only as strong as all of its collective
neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the City aspires for every neighborhood to be one characterized by a high quality of life;
and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes our most fragile neighborhoods have been historically marginalized;
and,

WHEREAS, the City supports residents and partnerships working together to restore and/or build a
vibrant quality of life in marginalized neighborhoods and believes that strong neighborhoods are anchored
by strong institutions, such as houses of worship, healthcare facilities, recreational outlets and neighborhood
schools supported by the residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City Board of Directors ("Board of Directors"), is aware of the recommendation by
the Little Rock School District's superintendent to close neighborhood schools Franklin Elementary, Wilson
Elementary and Woodruff Elementary and Hamilton Academy; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors shares the concerns of the families, other residents, other
stakeholders, and other supporters about the effects closures would have on the viability of their
neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors joins the families, other residents, other stakeholders and other
supporters in their belief that a community impact study is merited in order to inform decision-making
affecting our regarding our schools, neighborhoods and our city; and,

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

Section 1. The Mayor and Members of the Board of Directors respectfully request that Superintendent
Michael Poore and Commissioner Johnny Key carry out a Community Impact Statement(s) to assess the
effect of proposed school closures.
Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are directed to send copies of this resolution to Superintendent Michael Poore, Commissioner Johnny Key, members of the State Board of Education and members of the state legislative delegation representing the Little Rock School District.

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: March 21, 2017

ATTEST: 

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

SPONSOR:  

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Capi Peck, Ward 4

SPONSOR:  

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Doris Wright, Ward 6

APPROVED:  

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Mark Stodola, Mayor

SPONSOR:  

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Kathy Webb, Ward 3

SPONSOR:  

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Ken Richardson, Ward 2