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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY CLEANUP OF FORD SCHOOL

Resolution No. _____
Date: 9/9/, 2026

WHEREAS,

The Board of Education of the School District of the City of Highland Park ("District") recognizes the importance of maintaining District-owned properties in a safe, clean, and presentable condition and supporting positive community engagement with District facilities; and

WHEREAS,

The District owns the property commonly known as **Ford School**, located on **Pilgrim Street in the City of Highland Park, Michigan** ("Ford School"); and

WHEREAS,

Community members have expressed an interest in organizing and participating in a community cleanup and beautification effort at Ford School to improve the appearance and condition of the property; and

WHEREAS,

The proposed community cleanup is requested to take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, or Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, with the final date to be confirmed by the District in coordination with the community organizers; and

WHEREAS,

The proposed cleanup activities may include general property cleanup, removal of debris and refuse, landscaping and grounds cleanup, painting of allowable areas and surfaces approved by the District, and power washing of the building's brick exterior; and

WHEREAS,

The Board specifically prohibits any painting, coating, staining, or application of paint or other coloring material to the **brick façade of the Ford School building**; and

WHEREAS,

All painting activities must be limited to spaces and surfaces specifically determined to be allowable by the District and must be approved by the District prior to commencement of such work; and

WHEREAS,

The District intends to obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the community cleanup event through the District's insurance carrier and shall establish any insurance requirements, conditions, or limitations applicable to participants and activities associated with the event; and

WHEREAS,

The Board recognizes the importance of protecting the District, its employees, volunteers, community members, and property from unnecessary risk and therefore requires every community member participating in the cleanup to execute the waiver and release provided or required by the District's insurance carrier; and

WHEREAS,

No community member, volunteer, organizer, or other participant shall be permitted to enter, work on, handle, touch, clean, paint, power wash, move materials upon, or otherwise come into contact with Ford School or any portion of the District's property in connection with the cleanup until the individual has completed and signed the required waiver provided by the District's insurance carrier; and

WHEREAS,

The District desires to support the community cleanup effort while maintaining appropriate oversight of the property, ensuring compliance with insurance requirements, and protecting the District's interests and assets; and

WHEREAS,

The District intends to provide a **dumpster** for the collection and disposal of debris generated through the approved cleanup activities and may provide other reasonable resources requested for the project, subject to availability, District approval, and applicable policies and procedures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. AUTHORIZATION OF COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The Board of Education hereby grants permission for a community-sponsored cleanup and beautification project at **Ford School on Pilgrim Street**, to occur on either **September 19, 2026, or September 26, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, with the final date to be established in coordination with the District.

2. APPROVED CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

The community cleanup may include:

- General cleanup of the property and grounds;
- Collection and removal of litter, debris, and refuse;
- General grounds and exterior property beautification;
- Painting of District-approved and allowable spaces or surfaces;
- Power washing of the building's brick exterior; and
- Other related cleanup or beautification activities specifically approved by the District.

3. PROHIBITION ON PAINTING BRICK FAÇADE

Under no circumstances shall participants paint, coat, stain, or otherwise apply paint or coloring material to the **brick façade of the Ford School building**.

Any painting must be limited to surfaces specifically approved by the District prior to the commencement of the activity.

The District shall have final authority to determine whether a particular surface or area is eligible for painting.

4. INSURANCE COVERAGE

The District shall obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the community cleanup event through the District's insurance carrier, subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and requirements established by the carrier.

All event activities and participants shall be subject to the requirements established by the District's insurance carrier.

5. MANDATORY PARTICIPANT WAIVER

Every community member, volunteer, organizer, or other individual participating in the cleanup shall be required to complete and sign the waiver and release provided by the District's insurance carrier before participating in the event.

No individual shall be permitted to come into contact with Ford School, its building, grounds, equipment, fixtures, materials, or other District property in connection with the cleanup until the required waiver has been fully completed and signed.

The waiver requirement shall apply regardless of the participant's age, role, length of participation, or type of activity being performed, subject to any specific requirements established by the District's insurance carrier.

6. DISTRICT ACCESS AND OVERSIGHT

The District shall retain full ownership, control, and authority over Ford School and the property throughout the cleanup event.

The District may designate an employee or representative to provide oversight, establish areas where work may occur, identify prohibited activities, and stop any activity that is determined to be unsafe, unauthorized, inconsistent with District requirements, or inconsistent with the terms of the District's insurance coverage.

7. DUMPSTER AND PROJECT RESOURCES

The District shall provide a **dumpster** for the collection and disposal of debris generated from the approved cleanup activities.

The District may also provide other reasonable resources requested in connection with the project, including supplies, equipment, access, or other logistical support, subject to availability, District approval, applicable policies, and insurance requirements.

8. PROTECTION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

Participants shall exercise reasonable care in performing all cleanup and beautification activities.

No participant shall remove, damage, alter, demolish, relocate, or otherwise modify any portion of the building, grounds, fixtures, equipment, infrastructure, or other District property except as expressly authorized as part of the approved cleanup activities.

Any activity outside the scope of this Resolution or subsequent District approval shall be prohibited.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

All activities associated with the community cleanup shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, District policies, insurance requirements, and reasonable safety directives issued by the District.

The District reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate the cleanup activities if necessary to protect the safety of participants, the public, District property, or the District's insurance coverage.

10. NO IMPLIED PERMANENT ACCESS

This Resolution grants limited permission for the specific community cleanup event and shall not be construed as granting the community, organizers, volunteers, or participants any permanent right, lease, license, easement, or other continuing right to use or access Ford School.

11. AUTHORITY OF THE CEO

The Board authorizes the **Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the School District of the City of Highland Park**, or the CEO's designee, to coordinate with the community organizers and District insurance carrier and to take all reasonable administrative actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

The CEO is further authorized to establish reasonable operational requirements, approve the final event date, identify allowable work areas, coordinate District resources, and ensure compliance with insurance and safety requirements.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of Education and shall remain in effect for the limited purpose of authorizing and facilitating the community cleanup described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education supports the community's efforts to improve and beautify District property while emphasizing that **the execution of the required insurance waiver by every participant is a mandatory prerequisite to any physical contact with Ford School or the District's property.**

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

Motion by: Yolanda Harrison

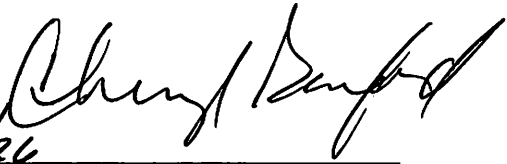
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NAYS: Cassandra Walker / Taret Spight-White

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ABSTAIN: 

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: YES / NO

Board President 
Date: 9/9/26

Board Secretary


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