

CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS , IN
SUPPORT OF THE SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD RECOGNIZES THAT:

1. **Exemplary neighborhood schools are a magnet for new families.** Westwood View continues to attract families to the City and to the Shawnee Mission School District. The school's stellar reputation, excellent teaching staff and community support all serve as magnets for new families every year; and
2. **Exemplary neighborhood schools are a key factor in safe and vibrant neighborhoods.** The school serves as a social hub for parents to connect and share concerns about children. It provides a social context in which parents come to share in the responsibility for watching out for children; and
3. **Thriving residential and business communities in northeast Johnson County are linked to successful schools.** Westwood is embarking on major redevelopment efforts that will bolster development at the county and state lines. These developments include projects that will be good for the school and for which the school is an attractive incentive; and
4. **The success of the Shawnee Mission School District, as a whole, is a positive economic driver for our area.** We recognize that the entire SMSD must continue to thrive and excel. We enjoy the many benefits of being part of a larger system that assures a quality curriculum, varied educational activities and superior teachers; and
5. **The City of Westwood and our residents have a long history of commitment to our neighborhood school.** This history includes founding, building, and owning the school, creating a community centered on the value of education, gifting the building to SMSD during consolidation, establishing a \$250,000 endowment fund dedicated solely to the school, and donating hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and dollars to maintain programs and core staff during challenging times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS, THAT WE WILL :

Work in concert with SMSD to promote a family-friendly area that engenders a superior school and educational experience for children for the next 50 years. Further, we pledge to:

- * Continue our purposeful efforts at attracting families through modernization and updating of our codes and ordinances to encourage expansion.
- * Support our neighborhood school, Westwood View, with proper public safety, streets and infrastructure that help SMSD fulfill its mission.
- * Work together with SMSD to leverage parks, recreation and school spaces to benefit children and families.
- * Continue to encourage student learning and pride in Westwood through many school-linked activities including our Westwood Foundation scholarship program, Arbor Day classroom and poster contest, many school volunteers, third-grade City Hall tours and Mayoral meeting and bike rodeo.

Support increased funding for the District, as a whole, and for Westwood View in particular. Our governing body will actively engage with SMSD and residents to continue to lobby the State to appropriately fund our schools, explore areas in which we may contribute directly to the school enterprise through fees or tax programs and encourage the growth and expansion of the Westwood Foundation and the Westwood Educational Enhancement Fund.

APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.



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Steve Stubbers, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen McMahon', written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen McMahon, City Clerk