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Resolutions Adopted by the Board of Education on March 26

The resolutions are printed in their entirety below:

1) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SCHOOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND PASSING DESIGNATED LEGISLATION FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FINANCING

Whereas, we are elected/appointed by the citizens of Anson County to provide for the education of the students of the Anson County School System; and

Whereas, all students should have safe, adequate and properly equipped facilities in which to attend school; and

Whereas, Anson County Schools have extensive needs in the area of facilities, technology, educational materials, supplies, recruitment and retention of teachers, administrators,

ital has dwindled over the past two decades, as a statewide bond for school capital has not been issued since 1996 and a corporate tax earmark for school capital was eliminated in 2009; and

Whereas, counties were promised 40% of the proceeds from the NC Education Lottery when it was established in 2005; localities planned school projects and construction budgets around this promise, but the lottery construction money has been cut by more than half of what was promised, with the money diverted to other areas of the State budget; and

Whereas, the rising construction costs and decreased State financial support has led to delayed school construction projects; the backlog of needed school capital projects has reached \$8.1 billion statewide, according to NCDPI's most recent survey; and

Whereas, in addition to negatively impacting student learning, this backlog of school construction needs also harms economic development and housing prices in Anson County; and

Whereas, even if the NC Education Lottery were fully restored to 40%, it would still take approximately 30 years to generate enough funding through the lottery to pay down the backlog of school capital needs across the state; and

Whereas, on average every 10 years the State assisted localities with school construction needs through a statewide school bond issue, but a statewide school bond has not occurred since 1996, and

Whereas, HB 866/SB 542 would place a \$1.9 billion statewide school construction bond on the November 2018 ballot, including over \$6 million for school construction money for Anson County Schools; and

Whereas, HB 866/SB 542 would provide a significant one-time infusion of dollars to kick start school construction and renovation/repair projects, creating jobs in every county and spurring economic development; and

Whereas, Anson County's students, as well as all North Carolina students, deserve to be educated in modern 21st century facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Anson County Board of Education respectfully requests that the NC General Assembly pass HB 866/SB 542 allowing a statewide school construction bond to be placed on the November 2018 ballot.

This Resolution is hereby APPROVED this 26th day of March 2018.

Aware? Or Beware!

By Mary Lynn Railton at the Anson County Health Department: We are created male and female, sexual creations, created by the act of sexual intercourse. Sexual health and behavior is part of every person's life. Our behavioral choices are based upon our knowledge, our environment, our belief system and our culture. Risky sexual behavior results in unplanned pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), including HIV.

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support staff; and more; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Commissioners recognizes its statutory duty to provide funding for the construction and maintenance of school facility needs of the school system and to provide support for the educational programs and needs; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education respects and appreciates the Anson County Board of Commissioners for accepting their duty and responsibility as elected officials; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education and the Anson County Board of Commissioners recognize that additional revenues are needed to adequately support the needs of the Anson County Schools; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education will support the North Carolina General Assembly in the passing of Public School Building Bond Act, HB 866/SB 542 designed to support construction needs in every NC school system including Anson County Schools; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education supports HB 866/SB 542, the Anson County Board of Education invites the Anson County Board of Commissioners to join them by adopting a resolution from the Anson County Board of Commissioners supporting HB 866/SB 542; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Commissioners acquired property and continues to own vacant property adjacent to property owned by the Anson County Board of Education, and many years ago, the property located on Anson High School Road in Wadesboro, North Carolina was and continues to be designated for future school construction; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education applauds the Anson County Board of Commissioners for the wisdom of past and current elected Commissioners for preserving this land for school construction; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education continues to need the land adjacent to Anson High School designated for future school use; the Anson County Board of Education requests that this property remains solely designated for school use; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education will partner with the Anson County Board of Commissioners to identify sources of funding for school construction; and

Whereas, the Anson County Board of Education has a vision for each school that will provide state-of-the-art middle and high school facilities compatible with other new or newly renovated schools across the Nation affording students in Anson County the privilege of learning in a facility designed for safety and rigorous learning outcomes preparing Anson County students to be successful citizens who will be career and/or college ready upon graduation in modern 21st century facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Anson County Board of Education recognizes the need for a new Anson Middle School and a major renovation of the current Anson High School; both schools may need to locate in relative proximity on property owned by the Anson County Board of Education and property owned by the Anson County Board of Commissioners located on US Highway 74 West and Anson High School Road in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

This Resolution is hereby APPROVED this 26th day of March 2018.

2) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ACT, HB 866/SB 542

Whereas, historically the primary responsibility for funding capital and infrastructure needs for public school districts in North Carolina has rested with localities, with the State providing important supplemental dollars through various measures, including statewide bond issues; and


Whereas, many localities across the state, including Anson County, are dealing with serious challenges in generating the local dollars to keep pace with the needs for new school buildings and upgrading/modernizing/enhancing existing school facilities; and

Whereas, State financial support for public school cap-


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