

RESOLUTION NO. 1092

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR OKLAHOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND URGING THE OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE PAY RAISES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF AND TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Broken Arrow City Council views Oklahoma teachers as one of the most important workforces within the State; and

WHEREAS, for over eighteen (18) months, Broken Arrow City officials, along with officials from the Broken Arrow Public School District and surrounding Tulsa regional cities, the Chambers of Commerce, and School Districts, have urged the Oklahoma Legislature to address the issues facing public education; and

WHEREAS, whereas, of particular importance is the need to increase wages for teachers and support staff and to develop a long-term solution to funding public education; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma public school teachers receive the lowest pay in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma public schools are seriously underfunded; and

WHEREAS, to this point there has been a failure on the part of the Oklahoma Legislature to address public school funding needs; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma public school teachers have been requesting a raise in salary and additional funding for public schools to no avail; and

WHEREAS, the public schools are an integral part of the State's economic development; and

WHEREAS, failure to fund the public schools will result in harm to the State's economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, the Broken Arrow City Council fully supports public school teachers, a raise in their salary and additional funding for public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Broken Arrow City Council fully supports Oklahoma Public School teachers, especially those in the Broken Arrow Public Schools, Union Public Schools and Bixby Public Schools each of which directly serve the children of Broken Arrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Legislature is strongly urged to provide raises for public school teachers and support staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Legislature is strongly urged to provide sufficient ongoing funding for public schools.

ADOPTED BY THE BROKEN ARROW CITY COUNCIL THIS 26th day of March, 2018.

Mayor

ATTEST:

(seal) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney