

**City of Broken Arrow**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Broken Arrow City Council**

*Mayor Craig Thurmond*  
*Vice Mayor Scott Eudey*  
*Council Member Mike Lester*  
*Council Member Johnnie Parks*  
*Council Member Debra Wimpee*

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**Monday, March 26, 2018**

**5:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**  
**220 S. 1st Street**  
**Broken Arrow, OK**

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**4. General Council Business**

- A.     [18-391](#)           Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of 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

**Attachments:**   [Resolution 1092 Support for OK Public School Teacher raises](#)

**5. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members**

**6. Remarks and updates by City Manager, including Recognition of Recent Accomplishments by Employees and Elected Officials**

**7. Adjournment**

**NOTICE:**

If you wish to speak at this evening's meeting, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form. The forms are available from the City Clerk's table or at the entrance door. Please turn in your form prior to the start of the meeting. Topics are limited to items on the currently posted agenda, or relevant business.

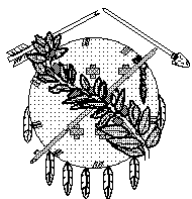
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# City of Broken Arrow

## Fact Sheet

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**Broken Arrow City Council  
Meeting of: 03-26-2018**

**To: Mayor and City Council**  
**From: Office of the City Attorney**  
**Title:**

**Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of 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**

**Background:**

The Broken Arrow City Council views our teachers as one of the most important workforces within the State. For nearly 18 months, Broken Arrow City officials, along with officials from the BAPS School District, and surrounding Tulsa Region Cities, Chamber, and School Districts, have urged the Oklahoma State Legislature to address the issues facing public education. Wage increases for teachers and support staff and a long-term solution to funding public education should be of primary focus by the Legislature.

The public schools are an integral part of the State's economic development. Failure to fund the public schools will continue to result in harm to the State's economic condition, as well as its economic development goals.

Because of the State's Legislature failure to reach a consensus and take the necessary public policy measures to address this matter, on April 2, 2018, Oklahoma Public School teachers are considering participating in a walk-out to bring into focus the legitimacy of their concerns over school funding.

Statistically, Oklahoma public school teachers receive the lowest pay in the nation and public schools are seriously underfunded. They have been requesting a raise in salary and additional funding for public schools for several years, but have remained unsuccessful.

The Broken Arrow City Council fully supports public school teachers. The Council recognizes that provision of additional funding for public schools are critical to the advancement of the State of Oklahoma.

The attached Resolution No. 1092 formally expresses the Council's support for Oklahoma Public School teachers. It urges the Oklahoma Legislature to provide pay raises for school teachers and support staff and to provide sufficient funding for public schools. Staff recommends that the Council approve Resolution No. 1092 and authorize its execution.

**Cost: None**

**Prepared By: Beth Anne Childs, City Attorney**

**Reviewed By: Assistant City Manager-Administration**

**Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager**

**Attachments: Resolution No. 1092**

**Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution No. 1092 and authorize its execution.

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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(seal) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney