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Re: Edinburgh Community School Corporation
Certification and Request for Approval of the Local Public Question

Dear Mr. Bennett, Ms. Crisler and Mr. Marusarz:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-8, enclosed please find the:

- i) certified Resolution of the Board of School Trustees of Edinburgh Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation") which was adopted on January 31, 2022, pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-8 determining: (i) that the School Corporation cannot carry out its public education duty unless it imposes a referendum tax levy; and (ii) to put a public question on the ballot for such referendum tax levy,
- ii) Revenue Spending Plan, and
- iii) Certificate of the County Auditor and work papers regarding the percentages for the form of the question.

The School Corporation requests that the following question be reviewed, approved and finally certified to the School Corporation as soon as possible, in order for it to be submitted to the County Election Board of both Johnson and Bartholomew Counties and placed on the ballot for the voters at the election held on May 3, 2022, in the following form:

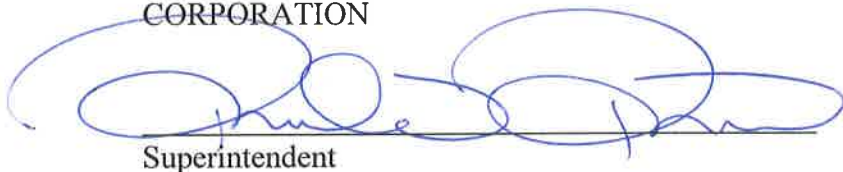
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"Shall Edinburgh Community School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the Edinburgh School Property Tax Levy Plan which will include safety & security, retaining and attracting teachers and staff, and improvements to student transportation? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence would increase by 40.34% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 36.82%."

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Jane Herndon at (317) 236-2437 or Ronald L. Ross Jr., Superintendent at (812) 526-2681.

Sincerely,

EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION



Superintendent

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Re: Certification and Request for Approval of the Local Public Question

Dear Clerks and Auditors:

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-8(b), enclosed please find a copy of:

- (1) Certified Resolution of the Board of School Trustees of the Edinburgh Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation") which was approved on January 31, 2022, pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1-8(a), resolving that a referendum should be conducted in order for the School Corporation to levy a referendum tax in order to carry out its public education duty; and
- (2) Documentation from the Department of Local Government Finance approving the final ballot language.

The School Corporation requests that the following question be submitted to the voters at the May 3, 2022 election, in the following form:

Shall Edinburgh Community School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the Edinburgh School Property Tax Levy Plan which will include safety & security, retaining and attracting teachers and staff, and improvements to student transportation? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence would increase by 40.34% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 36.82%.

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CORPORATION



Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended, permits a public school corporation to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot if the governing body of the school corporation determines that the school corporation cannot, in a calendar year, carry out its public educational duty unless it imposes a referendum tax levy under Indiana Code 20-46-1, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the Edinburgh Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation"), being the governing body of the School Corporation, has determined that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2023 through and including 2030, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, a copy of a proposed Revenue Spending Plan was presented to the Board and attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A-1 (the "Revenue Spending Plan"); and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Board now desires to adopt a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that based on current revenue calculations for the years 2023 through and including 2030, the School Corporation will not be able to carry out its public educational duty unless it annually imposes a referendum tax levy of up to, but not to exceed \$0.39 per \$100 assessed valuation per year starting in 2023 through and including 2030, and that the School Corporation does not plan to distribute any revenue from the referendum levy deposited into its education fund to a charter school in accordance the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be placed on a ballot to be considered in a referendum of the registered voters residing in the boundaries of the School Corporation at an election to be held on May 3, 2022, the following question: "Shall Edinburgh Community School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the Edinburgh School Property Tax Levy Plan which will include safety & security, retaining and attracting teachers and staff, and improvements to student transportation? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence would increase by 40.34% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 36.82%."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of the School Corporation (the "Superintendent") of the School Corporation or the Secretary of the Board be and hereby are authorized to certify a copy of this resolution to the Department of Local Government Finance in accordance with the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenue Spending Plan presented to this meeting is hereby adopted and the Board agrees that such plan may be amended and supplemented each year as part of the budget process as permitted by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any officer of the Board, the Superintendent or the Business Officer be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the School Corporation, to take any and all action as such person deems necessary or desirable to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, including any revisions to the form of the public question in order to receive approval from the Department of Local Government Finance, including the financial information provided by the County Auditor as required by the Act, and any such actions heretofore made or taken be, and hereby are, ratified and approved.

Passed and adopted this 31st day of January, 2022.



President, Board of School Trustees



Secretary, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT A
REVENUE SPENDING PLAN

EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Proposed Revenue Spending Plan

Pursuant to I.C. 20-46-1-8(e) as it is applicable to the Referendum Levy and as proposed to the voters in May 2022 at the tax rate of \$0.39.

<p>Referendum Question:</p> <p>Shall Edinburgh Community School Corporation increase property taxes paid to the school corporation by homeowners and businesses for eight (8) years immediately following the holding of the referendum for the purpose of funding the Edinburgh School Property Tax Levy Plan which will include safety & security, retaining and attracting teachers and staff, and improvements to student transportation? If this public question is approved by the voters, the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a residence would increase by 40.34% and the average property tax paid to the school corporation per year on a business property would increase by 36.82%.</p>	
<p>Estimate of the <u>annual</u> revenue expected to be collected from the referendum levy:</p>	<p>\$742,719¹</p>
<p>Specific purposes for with the referendum levy will be used to fund a Taxpayer Investment Plan:</p>	<p>Estimate² of the annual amounts that will be expended for each purpose:</p>
<p>Safety & Security</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>
<p>Retaining & attracting teachers and staff</p>	<p>\$612,719</p>
<p>Improvements to student transportation</p>	<p>\$120,000</p>

¹ Based on the 2022 certified referendum assessed valuation of \$190,911,607, less possible appeals of \$445,300 resulting in 2022 assessed valuation of \$190,466,307. The school corporation may experience assessed valuation growth over the eight-year period of the referendum and will adjust this annual revenue expectation each year.

² This is an estimate based on today's law, current revenue amounts and sources and anticipated needs which could and will change over time. The Board of School Trustees reserves the right to amend such plan over time as other revenue and needs change.

CERTIFICATION OF REFERENDUM TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

I, David Bauman, Secretary of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Edinburgh Community School Corporation, hereby certify that I was present at the meeting of the Board on January 31, 2022. Furthermore, I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the resolution attached to this certificate is a true and correct copy of the resolution that was adopted by a majority of the Board and signed by the President and Secretary of the Board.

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: January 31, 2022


Secretary, Board of School Trustees

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Edinburgh Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation") was held at the Administration Building, 202 South Keeley Street, Edinburgh, Indiana on January 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were present or absent as follows:

Present: Daniel Teter, David Bauman, Curtis Rooks

Absent: Cathy Hamm, Alice Taulman

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

A majority of the members present, the President presided, and the Secretary kept the minutes of the meeting.

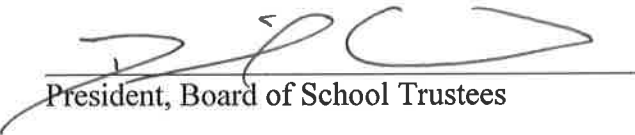
The minutes of the last meeting were read and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Board discussed that the next step in the process is to authorize the school administration to send the form of the operating referendum question to the Department of Government Finance pursuant to Indiana Code 20-46-1. After discussion of the operating referendum, upon motion duly made and seconded, the resolution attached as Exhibit A was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary, Board of School Trustees

APPROVED:


President, Board of School Trustees