

**RESOLUTION NO. 144-2025**

**INTRODUCED BY: All of Council & Mayor Thomas**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR ISSUE 50 IN  
SUPPORT OF THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Local School District has not received new operating money in eight years (nearly one decade), while the costs of providing high-quality education continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, despite limited resources, Richmond Heights Local Schools have earned recognition for excellence — including a 4-star rating for the high school from the State of Ohio, 5 stars for graduation rate, and 5 stars for student progress, demonstrating that the district is achieving strong academic outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, the district has maintained sound fiscal stewardship, having received the Auditor of State Award for Fiscal Responsibility for the past three consecutive years, and earning an A+ rating from Standard & Poor's — a testament to the district's financial accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, public education continues to face growing challenges, including state and federal funding reductions that threaten the stability of local school districts across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Heights Board of Education has been a lead plaintiff in the statewide effort to defend equitable school funding, successfully standing up in court to protect fair funding for all public schools in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Issue 50 represents a local solution to protect local progress and local control, ensuring that decisions about our children's education remain in the hands of the Richmond Heights community; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Issue 50 will sustain essential funding for teachers and staff salaries, educational materials, classroom technology, career and technical education programs, and day-to-day school operations; and

WHEREAS, failure of the levy would lead to reduced transportation, cuts to electives and course offerings, staff layoffs, and larger class sizes, which would erode the educational gains Richmond Heights teachers and students have worked so hard to achieve; and

WHEREAS, strong public schools are directly linked to stable property values, thriving neighborhoods, and the overall health and vitality of our city; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Issue 50 is modest — just \$263 per year for a \$100,000 home, or less than one dollar a day — yet the investment protects our schools, our community's reputation, and our shared future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

1. City Council hereby expresses its full and enthusiastic support for Issue 50, recognizing it as essential to maintaining the strength, stability, and success of the Richmond Heights Local School District.
2. Council urges all residents to vote YES on Issue 50 to preserve educational excellence, protect local control, and safeguard the future of our children and community.
3. No City funds were used to produce, adopt or provide for public view this resolution.
4. Council finds that the activities surrounding this resolution were done within the home rule authority of the City under the Ohio Constitution.
5. This resolution being an administrative matter shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED: 10/21/25

APPROVED: 10/21/25

ATTEST: Bayyinah Brooks  
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Clerk of Council *Pro Tempore*

Kim A. Thomas  
Kim A. Thomas, Mayor

Bobby Jordan  
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