

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 03

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR COLLINSVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 ZERO TAX RATE CHANGE PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Village of Maryville recognizes that the quality of education provided by our local schools profoundly impacts the well-being and future prospects of our community's children; and

WHEREAS, maintaining high standards of education includes adequate funding for facilities, resources, and safety; and

WHEREAS, Collinsville Community Unit School District #10 faces significant challenges due to outdated facilities and increased school safety needs; and

WHEREAS, the current funding levels are insufficient to address these challenges and sustain the quality of education our children deserve; and

WHEREAS, a modest increase to the District's Operations and Maintenance Fund represents a responsible and necessary investment in the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, this increase will directly contribute to improving educational outcomes, enhancing school facilities and school safety, and supporting educators in providing a world-class education for our children; and

WHEREAS, failing to adequately invest in our schools risks compromising the future prosperity and competitiveness of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Collinsville Unit 10 Board of Education has requested to increase the Operations and Maintenance Fund tax rate from 0.50 percent to 0.72 percent of all taxable property in said School District; and

WHEREAS, the Collinsville Unit 10 Board of Education proposes to redirect funds previously used to pay off facility improvement debt to the Operations and Maintenance Fund to allow for a Zero Tax Rate Change proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Collinsville Unit 10 Board of Education passed a Resolution to Defer Future Working Cash Bonds and Debt Issuance Requests on January 22, 2024, stating that if the Zero Tax Rate Change ballot proposal passes, the Board of Education will defer from and forego requesting future authorizations to issue and/or sell bonds throughout the completion of the District's regular capital and facilities improvement projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Official Board of the Village of Maryville that:

1. The Village of Maryville Board of Trustees hereby expresses its full support of the Collinsville Unit 10 Board of Education's Zero Tax Rate Change Proposal to benefit the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the District.

2. The Village of Maryville Board of Trustees recognize the critical importance of providing sufficient resources to our schools and endorse this measure as a prudent investment in the future of our community.
3. The Village of Maryville Board of Trustees urge all residents of the Village of Maryville to carefully consider the long-term benefits of supporting this Zero Tax Rate Change Proposal and to vote in favor of it in the upcoming election.
4. The Village of Maryville Board of Trustees commend the leadership of the Collinsville Unit 10 School District for their diligence and dedication in addressing the educational needs of our community and pledge our ongoing collaboration and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be distributed to the Collinsville Unit 10, local media outlets, and made available to the public to encourage informed dialogue and civic engagement on this critical issue.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Maryville, Illinois this 7th day of February, 2024.

R. Todd Bell _____

Rod Schmidt yes

N. Craig Short yes

Julie Clark yes

Mike Vallino yes

Ed Kostyshock yes

Wayne White yes

APPROVED by the President of the Village of Maryville, Illinois this 7th day of February, 2024.

N. Craig Short

 N. CRAIG SHORT
 President, Board of Trustees
 Village of Maryville, Illinois

ATTEST:

Jolene R. Henry

 JOLENE R. HENRY
 Village Clerk

