

RESOLUTION NO. R92-1 CMS

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICA 2000 PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Citizens of Oberlin have demonstrated an interest in improving education in this community;

WHEREAS, The goals Oberlinians would like to achieve are:

1. all children in America will start school ready to learn.
2. the high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent.
3. American students will leave grades four, eight, and twelve having demonstrated competency in challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, history, and geography; and every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our modern economy.
4. U.S. students will be first in the world in science and mathematics achievement.
5. every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
6. every school in America will be free of drugs and violence and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

WHEREAS, these goals are the same as the goals of America:2000; a national initiative to improve education supported by the President and the Governors of fifty states.

WHEREAS, the strategy to attain these goals has been devised to embody four parallel efforts in the areas of creating:

1. better and more accountable schools;
2. a new generation of American schools;

3. initiatives in life-long learning, school to work transition, and adult literacy; and
4. communities which publicly value "becoming places where learning will happen."

WHEREAS, the community is involved in exploring the strategy of creating a "New American School" (one of 535 plus such schools to be funded by federal legislation), and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin in concert with the Oberlin Board of Education accepts the import of these goals and the good intent which led to their formulation, and

WHEREAS, the Oberlin community has an excellent foundation to achieve America 2000 status through such efforts as the City Strategic Plan, the school district's impending Strategic Plan, Oberlin's involvement in the "Business Advisory Council Child Development, Early Education and Care Self-Appraisal Survey", etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the City Council hereby commends the goals outlined, and endorses a community based process that would enable the community to achieve them; and the status of being proclaimed an America:2000 community.

SECTION 2. That City Council views this venture as a statement of its recognition of the community's primary responsibility to help all students aspire to high levels of academic achievement and as an affirmation that the vitality of Oberlin is in some significant measure a function of community-wide resolve to improve public education.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading - January 6, 1992  
2nd Reading - January 21, 1992  
3rd Reading - February 3, 1992

ATTEST:

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

POSTED: February 5, 1992

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 4, 1992