

RESOLUTION NO. 29114

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL'S DESIRE FOR THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THE NEXT STEPS REGARDING SCHOOLS DESIGNATED IN THE INNOVATION ZONE ("iZone").

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WHEREAS, one of the aims of the City Council is to protect the general welfare of Chattanooga and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that young people in our city receive a proper education is consistent with that aim; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Education ("DOE") is considering taking certain steps regarding schools designated in the Innovation Zone ("iZone"), which include Woodmore Elementary School, Orchard Knob Elementary School, Orchard Knob Middle School, Dalewood Middle School, and Brainerd High School; and

WHEREAS, the community desires additional time to engage the DOE on these steps to ensure they are in the best interest of our young people; and

WHEREAS, the City Council thinks it is proper to publicly express its desire for DOE to conduct additional discussions with the community pertaining to the possible takeover of schools in the iZone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that it hereby respectfully requests the Tennessee Department of Education allow for additional discussions with, and input from, the community on the next steps regarding schools designated in the iZone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Chattanooga City Council encourages the Tennessee Department of Education to allow the new superintendent of the Hamilton County Department of Education additional time to engage the community and based on those discussions, present a new plan for success for the iZone schools and by doing so, create a path forward that is in the best interest of our children and our community.

ADOPTED: July 25, 2017

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