

A Resolution of the Olmsted Falls Board of Education
Regarding: *Our Commitment to Create an Engaged and Focused Learning Organization*

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Olmsted Falls City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in Regular session on September 19, 2017 and adopted the following Resolution;

WHEREAS, We the Board of Education views itself as a leading advocate for youth in the community and believe in our District's vision to **inspire** and **empower** our future graduates to become lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that any State imposed educational accountability system that advocates for the use of standardized tests to create an "A - F" grading system, is an accountability system that ignores the complexity of schools and education because such a grading system is unable to reliably and accurately capture the nuances of student achievement within a single letter grade; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that such an accountability system has unintended consequences that may impose limits on a public school system by forcing that system to "teach to the test" which in turn shrinks the curriculum and forces teachers to teach for coverage rather than teach for understanding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that any State imposed accountability system that reduces the complexity of our "Triple A" education to a single letter grade, philosophically conflicts with the district's moral and ethical desire to **inspire** and **empower** students and teachers, which in turn will negatively impact the Board's ability to create the right conditions to foster a more engaged and focused learning organization; and

WHEREAS, we recognize one of our primary roles as a Board is to align the district's resources and empower the administration to build the capacity of the educational professionals within the Olmsted Falls School District to support and sustain innovations at the building and classroom levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education members shall be community leaders and advocates for schools that inform the community about the state of education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will engage the community in order to build and enhance awareness of how the community can support students and their families so that student success can be maximized;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olmsted Falls City School District Board of Education commits the Olmsted Falls School District and those that work for it to continue the work of developing itself into a more engaged and focused learning organization; and

Let it also be resolved that the Olmsted Falls City School District Board of Education is committed to demonstrating the ability to be a community builder and advocate for the school district so that those charged with facilitating and administering the education of students are more able to design engaging academic work for students and lead them to success in that work; and

Let it also be resolved that the Olmsted Falls City School District Board of Education charges itself and the district administration to commit to working with students, parents, school district staff, community members and business stakeholders to create a more relevant and responsible set of school district and student outcomes that our local community values. These outcomes will extend beyond simple standardized test scores; and

Let it be resolved that within these more relevant set of outcomes, the district is committed to working with a broad group of stakeholders to create a *Profile of an Olmsted Falls City School District Graduate* that captures not only the academic skills necessary to be a productive person, but accounts for the overall value that is comprised of receiving a high quality, well rounded “Triple A” experience within the Olmsted Falls City School District, and the contribution made from the staff at each building (PreK through Grade 12).

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Upon the roll call on the passage of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Joseph Bertrand, President - Yes

Greg Surtman, Vice President - Yes

Holly Neumann - Motioned

Linda Parkowski - Second - Yes

Cynthia Tomasch - Yes

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education of the Olmsted Falls City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio showing the passage of the resolution set forth.



Treasurer

 2017

Date