RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL'S MASTER FACILITIES PLAN

WHEREAS on November 19, 2018, the Lemont High School District 210 Board of Education reviewed an initial Master Facilities Plan informed by an assessment of the District's facilities that was conducted by DLA Architects, Ltd.; and

WHEREAS since 2019, the District 210 Board of Education and Administration have engaged collaboratively with DLA Architects to proactively plan for maintenance, improvement, and renovation of the District's facilities, congruent with long-term financial resources; and

WHEREAS in Summer 2022, the District 210 Board of Education engaged the services of an external consultant to administer a community survey for feedback on improvements to the District's facilities and to assess support for a future referendum question to secure revenue for maintenance and renovation; and

WHEREAS on August 18, 2022, after careful consideration of available options to access funding in order to effectively maintain and improve the District's facilities, the District 210 Board of Education voted to place a referendum question on the November 2022 general election ballot seeking approval to increase the District's debt service extension base from $249,604 to $5,000,000; and

WHEREAS on November 8, 2022, a majority of voters responded yes to the District's referendum question to increase its debt service extension base; and

WHEREAS on March 20, 2023, a summary report was presented to the District 210 Board of Education, which included data from the August 2022 community survey, as well as input on facilities renovation and improvement opportunities that was gathered from extensive collaboration among DLA Architects, faculty, staff, administrators, students, and the Board; and

WHEREAS on September 11, 2023, DLA Architects presented a draft updated Master Facilities Plan to the District 210 Board of Education Facilities Committee and members of the Administration for review and discussion; and

WHEREAS in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024, DLA Architects, the Administration, the District 210 Board of Education Facilities Committee, and the faculty Classroom Physical Environment Committee continued collaborative efforts to refine the Master Facilities Plan; and

WHEREAS in April 2024, the District 210 Board of Education reviewed the results of a formal demographic trends and enrollment projections study to ensure future facilities improvements and renovations will address the needs of a potentially increased student population; and

WHEREAS the District 210 Board of Education pledged to delay implementation of its increased debt service extension base until the 2028 tax levy, after the District's current debt for the 2006 referendum has been retired, in order to keep the debt service portion of the District's annual tax levy consistent at approximately $5,000,000; and

WHEREAS the District 210 Board of Education and Administration have been careful stewards of taxpayers' dollars through balanced budgeting practices and sound investments, and therefore may utilize a portion of its fund balances to begin select improvement projects identified in the Master Facilities Plan prior to the 2028 tax levy; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Master Facilities Plan identifies 22 potential capital projects organized within nine categories for possible execution within six phases, and also includes estimated construction costs based upon 2024 pricing and estimated duration of each project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED with the exception of facility improvements targeted for the summers of 2024 and 2025, the Master Facilities Plan does not specify a particular sequence or timeline for completion of the remaining phases of capital projects in order to provide current and future Boards of Education and Administrations maximum flexibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the size and scope of potential additions identified within the Master Facilities Plan will be determined over time by current and future Boards of Education and Administrations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April 2024.

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