



City of Rice
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RESOLUTION #012125-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISD# 47 ENGAGING THE PUBLIC IN CALLING FOR THE REFERENDM

WHEREAS, the Independent School District #47 (“School District”) operates the public schools in Sauk Rapids and Rice; and

WHEREAS, the operation of schools includes operating early childhood educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the School District also operates various athletic and recreational facilities, as a part of the operation of all schools, not just early childhood educational programs the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined there is a need for additional early childhood educational spaces and recreational and outdoor activities facilities within the district; and

WHEREAS, the School District intends to call a referendum to construct a new early childhood education building and expand recreation and outdoor activities spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Rice City Council finds:

1. The City of Rice and Independent School District #47 are strong, long-time partners that have worked collaboratively to create and foster a strong community.
2. The City of Rice supports the efforts of the School District to provide an outstanding education for the children in the district, which includes activities and recreational opportunities.
3. Healthy and vibrant neighborhoods rely on healthy and vibrant public schools.
4. Strong, community-supported schools are essential for economic and community development purposes because they attract both employers and employees.
5. Continuing to improve the facilities within the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District will enhance the educational opportunities for all students.
6. Community engagement, through the School District’s efforts to call a referendum, is an appropriate action to encourage thoughtful discussion, thorough research, and informed voting to best service the interests of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICE, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOW:

1. The City of Rice fully supports efforts by the School District to engage the Rice community to enhance educational opportunities, through the construction of educational facilities, outdoor activities facilities, and recreation facilities. Likewise, the City of Rice supports the efforts made by the School District to engage the community in calling for the referendum.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Rice this 21st day of January 2025.



Brian Skroch, Mayor

Attest:



 Julie Fandel, Clerk