

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-23

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR MICHAEL DYLAN BRENNAN

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVISE THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF RANKING SCHOOLS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio is one of very few states that translate student assessments and testing into rankings of schools and districts;

WHEREAS, this Council finds said practice to be harmful to communities, particularly racially and economically diverse communities, by negatively impacting community value; and

WHEREAS, such rankings have repercussions for economic development as perceptions of school district performance greatly influence neighborhood choice for families and businesses, and most of all sends a negative message to education professionals, families, and students about the perceived value of their educational experience; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to join surrounding communities in urging the State to revise the existing system of ranking schools and districts to a new system which more accurately measures how public schools are fulfilling their primary role of developing productive citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of University Heights, Ohio, that:

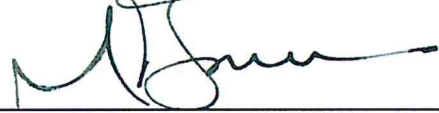
Section 1. This Council does hereby urge the State and the Ohio Department of Education to revise the existing system of ranking schools and districts by testing and metrics to a new system which more accurately measures how well public schools are fulfilling their primary role of developing productive citizens. This Council further requests the Ohio Department of Education to formulate a process that meaningfully involves parents, school board members, civic leaders, school administrators, and other school patrons to develop an accountability system which will truly measure how public schools are fulfilling their primary roles of developing productive citizens, as well as a grading system which accurately represents those efforts to the public.

Section 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor John Kasich, Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof, Ohio House Speaker Clifford Rosenberger, Ohio Senator Sandra Williams, Ohio Representative Janine Boyd, Ohio Department of Education Board President Tess Elshoff, and Vice President Nancy P. Hollister.

Section 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of University Heights.

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of University Heights, such emergency being the need to timely voice objection against the current ranking system. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS



Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

Passed: 04/02/2018

ATTEST:



Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Luke McConville, Law Director