

RESOLUTION 2003-026

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE STATE OF OREGON LEGISLATURE – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTRICT'S APPEAL TO THE STATE FOR ADEQUATE SCHOOL FUNDING

WHEREAS, Sherwood is a young community with a significant number of our families having family members under age 18; and

WHEREAS, seven school days were eliminated from the Sherwood school calendar this year due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Sherwood School District currently receives the lowest level of funding of all the school districts in the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, our population pays a significant amount, in general, of State income tax and those dollars do not flow back into our community for the education of our students; and

WHEREAS, this is such a critical issue for our community and the entire State that parents and concerned citizens of Sherwood plan to rally together at the State Capital on April 24, 2003, the third of Sherwood's seven school closure days due to lack of funds, to once again appeal to the members of the State Legislature to make immediate and lasting changes to solve the school funding crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City supports our School District and stands with them to compel the State to produce a funding mechanism that will provide the revenue necessary to adequately fund our educational system, to meet immediate and long-term needs. A stable educational system that offers quality education to our students is vital to the future of our community.

Section 2: The City encourages all Sherwood citizens to participate in the April 24, 2003 rally at the City of Salem to demonstrate the importance of this issue in our community.

Duly passed by the City-Council this 11th day of March 2003.

Mark O. Cottle, Mayor

ATTEST:

C.L. Wiley, City Recorder