

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
Of The County Court of Crook County, Oregon
The Common Council of The City of Prineville
And The School Board of Crook County School District

In the matter of advising members of the Legislature regarding)	County Court Order # 2004-109
priorities of the Crook County Court, Prineville City Council)	CCSD Resolution # 2-04-05
and Crook County School Board worthy of consideration)	City of Prineville # 989
during the 73 rd Legislative Assembly)	

WHEREAS, The 73rd Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon is preparing to convene on January 10, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly will be called upon to solemnly deliberate matters of great importance, the outcome of which will have great impact on the quality of life for citizens, residents and taxpayers of Oregon and Crook County; and

WHEREAS, the outcome of those deliberations will directly effect the ability of the Crook County Court, Prineville City Council and members of the Crook County School Board to secure the safety, welfare, health, education and quality of life of those constituents whom the members of the Court and school board are sworn to serve; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon relies upon a system of shared governance between counties, cities, school boards and the state to deliver services essential to the citizens, communities and children of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is right and proper that local elected officials communicate to their elected representatives the priorities of local communities for the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of programs which directly affect the ability of local governments to serve the needs of those constituents, communities and children;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROOK COUNTY COURT, PRINEVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

That certain programs funded and/or operated by the State of Oregon are essential to ensuring the continuing safety, health, welfare, education and quality life of the citizens of Crook County, and that members of the Legislative Assembly and the Governor of Oregon ought as a matter of principle take no action during the course of the 73rd Legislative Assembly which will deprive these programs of the resources needed to continue to conduct such programs in a viable and responsible manner for the betterment of the citizens of Crook County and Oregon..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned bodies in consultation with one another have determined the following areas to be of dual significance to both community and to schools and ought therefore to be especially prioritized by the elected representatives of our community:


- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to protect funding for the taxation and assessment system upon which all government, state, counties, cities, schools and special districts, rely for an efficient collection of resources necessary to maintain the operating resources of our individual governments;

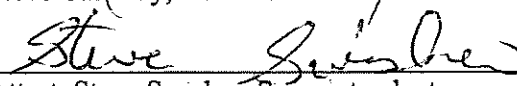
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to support a complete and full reauthorization of P.L.106-393 by the Congress of the United States in order to ensure the continued flow of federal resources for the support of roads and schools in Oregon. It is further agreed that during the reauthorization debates, the historic, well-established, traditional and useful formula governing the division of such revenue between schools and counties should be respected and that the Legislative Assembly ought not to tamper with such formula, and it is further agreed that no county or school district owing to the receipt of such revenue should be deprived of any other revenue which it would otherwise have received;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to continue to preserve equitable funding between urban and rural schools so that each child throughout the state has an equal opportunity to receive a quality education;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to protect funding and services to children provided by county government which ensure the physical and mental health of children and which promote learning, contribute to a well-ordered school environment and provide opportunity for the next-generation of citizens;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to protect the viability of rural schools by maintaining funding at a level adequate to allow the continued operation of small districts and low-population rural schools, including but not limited to, the Brothers School District, Paulina School and Powell Butte;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to allocate sufficient funds required to preserve the school year at the present 190 days with no further consideration of additional cuts, in view of the fact that such would inevitably lead to further reduction in instructional time to the indisputable detriment of educational quality;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to protect funding and services needed by law enforcement to discourage juvenile crime, to dispense juvenile justice, to detain and treat juveniles who pose a risk to themselves or others and who would in the absence of an adequately funded juvenile justice system pose a risk to themselves, to their peers or to the community at large, and it is further agreed that adequate resources should also be dedicated to the funding and protection of the public safety and judicial systems, including prosecution, judiciary, incarceration and community corrections, needed to deter and prevent the perpetration of crimes against all citizens, but especially children and the most vulnerable among us;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to continue to adequately fund children's protective services systems which are essential to the preservation of child welfare and which strengthen and support the preservation of family as the most logical and cohesive means of providing for a well-ordered society;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to invest in programs which encourage and enhance the successful transition of children from secondary education to post-secondary education in order that they may be prepared to participate successfully in the economy of tomorrow; and be it further agreed that the bodies do agree that it should be a goal of this state to extend post-secondary education opportunities to the individual community-level whenever practicable and possible;

- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to continue to provide adequate funding to support daily transportation of children to and from school;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, in view of the changing ethnic make up of this state and this county, to adequately fund programs, including but not limited to English as a second language classes, remedial education, parenting classes, which ensure that minorities and non-English speaking children have opportunities to compete on an equal footing with their peers;
- It is *UNANIMOUSLY* agreed that it should be a priority of the Governor and the Legislative Assembly to continue to support capital grants programs to school districts for the purchase of technology, furniture and equipment, without which many schools would be unable to provide needed resources sufficient to prepare and educate children for a successful economic future;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we the undersigned call upon the members of the Governor and Legislative Assembly to set aside partisan differences during the 73rd Legislative Assembly and to unite themselves in support of these principles in the interests of serving our communities and children.

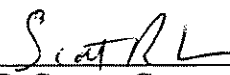
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OF December, 2004

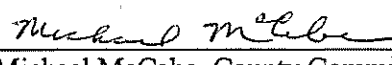



Steve Caraway, Board Chair


Attest: Steve Swisher, Superintendent

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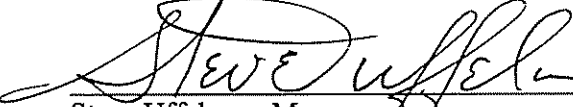


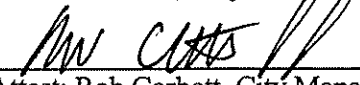
Scott R. Cooper, County Judge


Michael McCabe, County Commissioner


Mike Mohan, County Commissioner

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE
THIS 13th DAY OF December, 2004



Steve Uffelman, Mayor


Attest: Rob Corbett, City Manager