

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF JOHN W. REX CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A PUBLIC SCHOOL

WHEREAS, due to chronic inadequate funding of public education, the State of Oklahoma now faces a crisis that has brought us to the brink of a statewide teacher walkout scheduled for April 2, 2018,

AND WHEREAS, the evidence of said crisis includes but is not limited to the following facts: 20 percent of Oklahoma public schools cannot afford a 5-day week; the local newspaper reports that Oklahoma teachers are the lowest paid in the nation; the state cannot staff its schools with qualified, certified teachers and has been forced to give over 1,800 alternative certifications; and a 75 percent vote in the legislature is required before necessary revenue increases can be enacted,

AND WHEREAS, the teachers of our school have requested a statement of support from this board,

AND WHEREAS, our Head of School reports that our current faculty is the highest quality staff he has encountered in his lengthy experience as a public-school administrator,

AND WHEREAS, this board has full confidence that our teachers will exercise wise and reasonable judgment as they make decisions regarding what to do and how to navigate the difficult issues that they face in the days ahead,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JOHN W. REX CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has appreciation for and full confidence in our faculty and does now and shall in the future fully support its teachers and the actions they must take during this crisis, and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that if the statewide teachers' walkout extends to a second week or longer, and our teachers wish to be absent from their classes in excess of a total of five days, then and in that event, this board shall reconvene to consider that situation.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JOHN W. REX CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL urgently implores the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma to heed the voices Oklahoma's public-school teachers and to enact the necessary revenue raising measures to meet their requests.

IT IS HEREBY SO RESOLVED this 19th day of March, 2018.

This resolution was unanimously approved by the John Rex board of directors.


Phil Horning, Board Chair


Joe Pierce, Head of School