

**Resolution #15 – 04 Establish a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee**

**Whereas**, adequate and equitable school facilities are integral to the District's mission of ensuring that all students achieve excellence in education, character, and citizenship; and

**Whereas**, Douglas County School District has greater than 975,000 square feet of school and support facilities with an average age of 28 years old to maintain; and

**Whereas**, Douglas County School District received voter approval in 2008 for a Rollover Bond, and said bond has afforded approximately \$45,600,000 for major capital upgrades and renewals; and

**Whereas**, Douglas County School District has implemented a 10-year Facilities' Master Plan in 2009, and has been performing major capital upgrades and renewals in alignment with said plan; and

**Whereas**, Douglas County School District has three sources of funding for school construction and repairs (capital funding), namely Property Tax (PAYG and Rollover Bonds), Government Services Tax (GST) and Residential Building Permit Tax (RBPT); and

**Whereas**, GST and RBPT provides only enough funding for basic repairs and maintenance; and

**Whereas**, property tax revenue for Pay-As-You-Go projects as approved in the 2008 Rollover Bond are projected to be approximately \$100,000 per year and only through November 2018, the current expiration of the 2008 Rollover Bond, unless the Board of Trustees wishes to act on SB207 as enrolled from the 2015 Legislative Session; and

**Whereas**, current school major upgrades and renovations, and repair needs aligned with the 10-year Facilities' Master Plan and unfunded major repairs will require at a minimum an additional \$35,000,000 in funding; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 411, which was passed during the 2015 Nevada Legislative Session, authorizes the Douglas County School District to establish a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee, made up of independent citizens appointed by various community groups, local governing agencies, and individuals with a stake in our educational system, whose main purpose is to consider placing a question on the 2016 General Election Ballot to raise or levy a tax or group of taxes to fund school construction and repairs; and

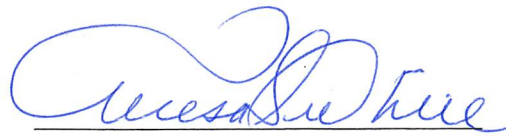
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Douglas County School District Board of Trustees establish a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee, pursuant to Senate Bill 411;

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Douglas County School District will provide administrative support to this committee, per the requirements of Senate Bill 411; and as the Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee becomes active, that the Douglas County School District will provide the committee with any information and access that it requires to fulfill its mission.

**DATED:** This 18th day of August 2015.



Ross Chichester, President  
Douglas County School  
District Board of Trustees



Teresa S. White,  
Superintendent, Douglas  
County School District