

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 121006)

RESOLUTION

Calling on the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings concerning the planned closure of approximately forty public schools and the impact that said closures will have on students, parents, teachers, principals and members of all school district unions.

WHEREAS, Currently, School District of Philadelphia schools are underutilized, operating below national best practices, at 67% capacity; and

WHEREAS, Operating below capacity exudes unnecessary expenditures on the part of the School District of Philadelphia's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, By closing said schools, with regards to operating costs, the School District of Philadelphia projects it can save upwards of \$30,000,000 annually beginning in Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia projects that each school sold will produce roughly \$800,000; and

WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia projects that the sale of the forty schools will net approximately \$30,000,000; and

WHEREAS, While shutting forty schools may result in a reduction in the annual operating budget by \$30,000,000, there is no guarantee that the sale of the schools will occur immediately, nor simultaneously, and therefore, the projected net gain of \$30,000,000 resulting from the sale of the schools may not benefit the School District of Philadelphia as readily as projected; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amount of schools to be closed equates to nearly 20% of the total amount of schools operated by the School District of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 146,000 students enrolled in schools operated by the School District of Philadelphia; and

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WHEREAS, There are over 20,000 individuals employed by the School District of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Closing forty schools will impact thousands of employees, including, but not limited to, teachers, principals and members of other school district unions; and

WHEREAS, Closing forty schools will impact tens of thousands of students, their parents and their families; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL, Calls on the City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings concerning the planned closure of approximately forty public schools and the impact that said closures will have on students, parents, teachers, principals and members of all school district unions.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixth of December, 2012.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Squilla and O'Brien

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