

# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCTION BUDGET FOR PROPOSED 5<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124 has worked for several years to resolve the district's long-term facility issues; and

**WHEREAS**, over recent months, the Board of Education appointed the Facility Review Task Force, a group of Peru taxpayers and citizens, to identify and analyze current and future educational needs of the community and the strengths and weaknesses of existing district facilities, study the financial implications of potential facility solutions, actively seek school and community input and participation, and formulate potential long-term facility solutions and present recommendations to the Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force provided the Board of Education with a wide range of important key findings and recommendations to consider in its decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, building on the work of the Task Force and the administration and staff, has determined that the best long-term solution to the district's current facility needs includes the construction of a middle school serving all children in grades 5 through 8; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has been working with the City of Peru in the development of an intergovernmental agreement to provide a revenue source that will eliminate the need for a property tax increase for the construction of a new middle school building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, administration, and faculty and staff have worked with district architect Healy, Bender and Associates to develop a detailed educational program and construction budget.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, to approve the recommended educational program of 90,500 square feet, and estimated grand total construction budget of \$18,850,000, for the planning, design, construction, and equipping of a proposed 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school facility, to be developed at the school district's property acquired for this purpose at the southwest corner of Church Street and Shooting Park Road in Peru, with the accompanying details attached.

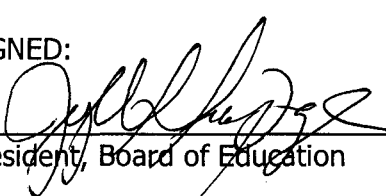
**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2007, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Kampwerth, Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, Gustat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

SIGNED:

  
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President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Education