

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-644-W**

5 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL
6 BOARD TO REMOVE "A" AND "B" RATED SCHOOLS FROM
7 CONSIDERATION FOR CLOSURE; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Duval County School Board ("DCSB") is charged
11 with oversight of the administration and operation of all public
12 schools within Duval County in a manner that promotes educational
13 excellence and academic proficiency in all public school students;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, the DCSB, in coordination with a number of consultants
16 and subject matter experts, has developed a Master Facility Plan (the
17 "MFP") to strategically implement projects to modernize, upgrade and
18 improve the Duval County Public Schools infrastructure in an effort
19 to improve its students' learning environment; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the DCSB recently received an update on the ongoing
21 efforts to implement the MFP during a workshop meeting held on March
22 11, 2024, which included a presentation entitled "Blueprints for
23 Tomorrow: Strategic Adjustments for a Stronger Future" in which the
24 closure of a number of successful "A" and "B" rated schools was
25 recommended; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Duval County Public Schools has several successful
27 elementary, middle and high schools which are the backbone of the
28 communities in which they are located; and

29 **WHEREAS**, closure of these schools is not in the best interests
30 of the students, educators, neighbors or communities for whom these
31 neighborhood schools are succeeding in providing "A" and "B" rated

1 education; now therefore

2 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

3 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby requests the Duval
4 County School Board remove all "A" and "B" schools recommended to be
5 closed in the Master Facility Plan from closure consideration.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant

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