

Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Peluso, Johnson, Gaffney, Jr., Clark-Murray and Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Boylan and amended by the Rules Committee:

**RESOLUTION 2025-302-A**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING OR INCREASING FUNDING FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) AND ACCELERATED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP), INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB), CAMBRIDGE AICE, DUAL ENROLLMENT, AND CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CAPE) COURSES; DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION, ONCE ADOPTED, TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, THE DUVAL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council is committed to the economic vitality, workforce readiness, and long-term prosperity of our city and region, and supports policies that strengthen Jacksonville's talent pipeline and future employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** Career and Technical Education (CTE) and accelerated academic programs, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE, Dual Enrollment, and Career and

Professional Education (CAPE) Academies are essential tools for preparing students for college, career, and civic life; and

**WHEREAS,** these programs equip students with in-demand skills, enhance postsecondary readiness, and ensure a highly trained, work-ready talent pool that supports local industries and economic development efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** accelerated learning opportunities reduce the time and cost of completing a postsecondary credential or degree, helping families manage rising education expenses while improving student outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville values the contributions of our public schools, colleges, and universities in driving local prosperity, and recognizes the role of strong K-12-to-career pathways in sustaining a competitive and inclusive economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council works in close partnership with education institutions, business leaders, and state and local agencies to support programs that expand opportunity and reduce barriers to student achievement; now therefore

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

**Section 1.** The Jacksonville City Council urges the Florida Legislature to maintain or increase funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and accelerated academic programs, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge AICE, Dual Enrollment, and Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Academies, that benefit students in Duval County and across the State of Florida. The City Council affirms its support for policies and investments that prepare students for meaningful careers, strengthen higher education access and attainment, and enhance Duval County's long-term workforce competitiveness and economic health.

**Section 2. Direction to Legislative Services Division.**  
The Legislative Services Division is hereby directed to provide a

copy of this Resolution, once adopted, to the Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, the members of the Duval County School Board, the Duval County Legislative Delegation, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor of the State of Florida.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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