RESOLUTION NO. CR-39-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISSUE 6 – A BOND ISSUE FOR SOUTH WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2026, voters within the South Western City School District will be asked to consider a 2.26-mill bond issue that will provide funding for identified District needs **without increasing the current property tax rate**, which is presently $79 per $100,000 of County Auditor-assessed property valuation, as a result of the South-Western City School District retiring existing bond debt; and

WHEREAS, Passage of Issue 6 will allow South Western City Schools to secure approximately $113 million in construction funding from the State of Ohio, providing a significant state investment in our local schools and community, rather than losing it to another school district; and

WHEREAS, the district's aging facilities currently face more than $70 million in identified repair needs, including aging electrical, HVAC, windows, roofs and plumbing systems, with those costs expected to continue increasing over time

WHEREAS, the Bond Issue will provide for the full replacement of Grove City High School and Westland High School, providing modern learning environments, updated technology, improved safety and security, and new career and technical education spaces; and

WHEREAS, the additional career-tech spaces at the new high schools will allow more students to pursue credentialing programs at their home schools while also helping reduce demand and wait lists at the South Western Career Academy; and

WHEREAS, Issue 6 also provides for targeted facility enhancements at Central Crossing High School and Franklin Heights High School, including updates and additions to athletic fields and extracurricular spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that strong, modern public schools are an important component of a strong community, supporting students and families while contributing to Grove City's continued growth and long-term vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. We, the Council and Mayor, hereby support Issue 6 – a Bond Issue for South Western City Schools, and sincerely urge the voters of Grove City to vote Yes on November 03, 2026.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Ted A. Berry, President of Council

Richard L. Stage, Mayor

Passed: 09-21-2026

Effective: 09-21-2026

Attest: Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council

I certify that this resolution is correct as to form

Stephen J. Smith, Director of Law