

RESOLUTION REGARDING MUNICIPAL CHARTER SCHOOLS AND WORKING WITH CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Town of Matthews believes every child in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School (CMS) district should have the opportunity to receive a free, high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Matthews has a long history of advocating for the children of our community to ensure they receive the best educational opportunities possible; and

WHEREAS, as part of this advocacy, the Town of Matthews received special state legislation to allow for the creation of a municipal charter school system, known as House Bill (HB) 514; and

WHEREAS, HB 514 was intended to give Matthews an alternative option for educating our school children, should we ever desire to pursue it in the future; and

WHEREAS, HB 514 and CMS's response to it, known as the Municipal Concerns Act, have instead strained relationships and clouded our shared desire of ensuring the school children in our community receive an excellent education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as Town of Matthews elected officials, we wish to publicly state our desire to work with CMS and rebuild a positive relationship, as we believe it will be most beneficial to the children and families in our community; and

BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town of Matthews has no intention of pursuing the development of a municipal charter school system any time in the foreseeable future, as we believe it is neither necessary nor financially feasible to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Matthews to be affixed this 10th day of February, 2020.

Mayor John F. Higdon