

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO MEET THE CLOTHING NEEDS OF KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENTS

RESOLUTION NO: 24-002

REQUESTED BY: KRISTI KRISTY

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



DEPUTY LAW DIRECTOR

BOARD APPROVED: 11/4/2024
DATE

WHEREAS, students learn best in the classroom when basic needs such as food shelter, and clothing have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Clothing Center PTA has provided an invaluable service to the students and families and Knox County Schools (KCS) for decades by providing clothing during times of need to countless KCS students, enabling them to thrive in and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, clothing needs are not confined to any one area code or sector of the county and have only expanded as student enrollment at KCS has increased over the years; and

WHEREAS, KCS has facilitated the distribution of clothing items to students in need through the provision of facilities, resources, and staff support for the Clothing Center for decades; and

WHEREAS, clothing needs for students are often urgent in nature, meaning orders must be processed quickly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the cold weather months are rapidly approaching, expediting the need for a firm and sustainable plan to meet the clothing needs of KCS students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the KCS School Culture Department shall assume interim responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Clothing Center at the Cedar Bluff auxiliary campus beginning on January 3, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FY25 General Purpose funds budgeted for the support of the Clothing Center in the amount of \$103,169.00 be reassigned to the School Culture Department to facilitate interim operation of clothing distributions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clothing Center PTA should have all assets removed from the Cedar Bluff auxiliary campus by December 30, 2024 to provide for a smooth transition to KCS operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the KCS Maintenance Department shall assist in the removal and relocation of Clothing Center PTA assets as requested by the Clothing Center PTA Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a joint committee of Knox County Board of Education members and Knox County Schools staff – appointed by the Chair of the Knox County Board of Education in accordance with Knox County Board of Education Policy B-140 “Board Committees” within thirty (30) days – shall use the Spring 2025 semester to identify agencies interested in using the Cedar Bluff auxiliary campus to meet the clothing needs of KCS students, including, but not limited to, the Clothing Center PTA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointed committee shall review interested agencies for best fit, sustainability, and capacity to scale services to meet the clothing needs of students across Knox County Schools and make a recommendation for a long-term partner to the Knox County Board of Education no later than April 2025.

Betsy Henderson

Chair, Knox County Board of Education

11/4/2024

Date