RESOLUTION # 2016-2017-010

Resolution Declaring the Open Enrollment Election for 2017-18 School Year

Whereas,

each year, Reynolds School District responds to many requests for intra and inter-district transfers, both for students who live within the district boundary to attend schools in other districts and for students from other districts to attend our schools; and

Whereas,

in June 2011, the Oregon Legislature approved House Bill 3681, which offered a new inter-district transfer option for enrolling students from other districts, commonly referred to as "Open Enrollment," and

Whereas,

this option allows a district to accept non-resident students without consent of the student's resident district requiring:

- a spring timeframe for announcing space, accepting applicants, running a lottery (if more applicants than space) and providing results,
- approval through 12th grade, without the need for annual renewal, that cannot be revoked by the non-resident or resident district,
- resident applicants must be accepted before non-resident applicants,
- no weighting, preference or denial can be given based on student demographics, including race, gender and family income level, or special program status, including disability, English language proficiency or athletic ability, and

Whereas,

by March 1, 2017, the School Board must determine whether Reynolds will participate in the "Open Enrollment" inter-district transfer option for the 2017-18 school year, and the Board must also announce the number of spaces available by school on that date, and

Whereas,

the Board of Directors desires to allow interested students access to the Reynolds schools as space allows and to accommodate those students with current inter-district transfers by offering those students a permanent solution through open enrollment.

Joe Teeny, Board Chair

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Reynolds School District 7 to continue to offer our existing inter-district transfer system for non-resident students to access Reynolds schools and to offer Open Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of 150 students with preference to internal area exceptions and 65 of those slots to new students to the District at 5 students per grade level where space allows.

Effective Date: Upon Adoption

Passed and adopted by the Reynolds School Board this 8th Day of February 2017.

Dr. Linda L. Florence, Superintendent

Reynolds School District Clerk