

FERNDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Resolution Affirming Support for the City of Ferndale Library Millage Election of May 8, 2007 March 19, 2007

Whereas, The Ferndale Public Library is asking for approval of a millage that will be used to improve library space, materials and services. If the millage is approved, the Ferndale Public Library will renovate the building, double the budget for new materials, and increase staff to offer new programs and longer hours; and

Whereas, The Improvement Plan calls for dramatic improvements for school-age patrons. According to the Ferndale Public Library's information, the library will add a new children's room and create a new space designed especially for teens. It will also provide enhanced resources, including nearly 1,000 new children's and teen books, more computers, and a space for students to study or meet. The millage will also provide funds for new programs for children and teens; and

Whereas, Several studies have shown that a better library improves students' academic performance. One study in particular found that students' access to their local public library during the summer led them to read more books and was the most important determinant to their intellectual growth. A better library will therefore work symbiotically with the Ferndale Public Schools to enhance Ferndale youth's educational and intellectual development; and

Whereas, The Ferndale Public Library has proposed this major Library Improvement Plan to be supported by a publicly voted mill scheduled to appear on the May 8, 2007 ballot; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Ferndale Public Schools Board of Education does with this resolution support the Ferndale Public Library in its proposed millage improvements for the Ferndale Library.

The Ferndale Public Schools Board of Education

William Charles Moeser 3/19/07
President Date

Vicki Brennan 3/19/07
Secretary Date