

Joint Resolution for the Creation of a Joint City Council – School Board Working Group

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WHEREAS, the residents of Burlington are able to enjoy a quality of life virtually unmatched in any other small city in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the city's high quality of life is directly related to a number of different factors, one of the more significant being its public school system; and

WHEREAS, under the city charter, the municipal and public school functions of the city operate in predominately separate and distinct ways from each other; and

WHEREAS, despite the legal separation between the municipal and public school functions of the city, the Burlington School Board and the Burlington City Council recognize their shared goals and common interests; and

WHEREAS, both the Burlington School District and the City of Burlington are considering significant improvements to the municipal and public school infrastructure over which they have jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the cost of such improvements will be substantial and the impacts that these improvements will have on the city's quality of life are likely to be very significant; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and City Council recognize that their respective decisions are closely intertwined; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and City Council also recognize the importance of working in a cooperative and collaborative fashion to further the best interests of the City of Burlington and its citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington School Board and Burlington City Council hereby create a joint working group, consisting of three members from each body, to regularly meet to discuss planned infrastructure improvements and to make timely recommendations to each body on how best to coordinate such work so as to further the best interests of the Burlington community; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board and the City Council will also review ways in which the School District and City can consolidate infrastructure and purchasing to maximize efficiencies within the City and reduce costs.