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FOR

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1163 - Support for Portland Public Schools

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Exhibit A

Current Financial Plan Capital Setaside	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Resources							
General Fund Discretionary	4,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Expenditures							
Base Capital	3,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Ramp Up	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	4,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000

Proposed Financial Plan Capital Setaside	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06
Resources							
General Fund Discretionary	-	5,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Short Term Borrowing	4,000,000						
Total	4,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Expenditures							
Base Capital	3,000,000	4,000,000	4,050,000	5,050,000	6,050,000	7,050,000	8,000,000
Ramp Up	1,000,000	50,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
Debt Service on Borrowing	-	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000
Total	4,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000

Notes

- \$4 million in capital setaside projects will be funded in 99/00 by proceeds of a five year short term borrowing. This frees up \$4 million in General Fund discretionary dollars that can be allocated on a one time basis to Portland area schools.
- Annual debt service = \$950,000. Proposal is to use \$950,000 of the FY 00/01 "ramp up" to cover debt service.
- OF&A recommends that the first call on any additional resources identified in Financial Forecast updates be to cover annual debt service payments on the \$4 million borrowing, thereby restoring the capital setaside budget.

SUBSTITUTE

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RESOLUTION No.

Provide and identify specific source for up to an additional \$4 million to Portland area school districts beyond amount appropriated through FY 1999-2000 budget process, express City Council's request to the Governor that he sign the "Local Option" bill; authorize exploration of regional or other tax initiatives for schools, require more accountability from the Portland districts (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the public interest of the citizens of the City of Portland is served by stable, effective school systems, which create a vital economy and an attractive climate for children, families and business. Stable, effective schools avoid flight from the City and public schools, produce an informed and involved electorate and provide equal opportunity and common bonds across socioeconomic and racial, and ethnic barriers,

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Legislature did not provide adequate financial support for Portland schools,

WHEREAS, it is critical that the Governor sign HB 2753 which would allow Portland and other districts around the state which were not given adequate funding to seek additional local revenues in order to avoid unacceptable cuts in programs and services to children;

WHEREAS, other funding options need to be explored as another source of revenue for Tri-County area schools,

WHEREAS, the City is committed to promoting increased accountability of the school districts operating within its borders in regard to fiscal rationalization of their programs, management functions, facilities and staffing,

WHEREAS, the City is committed to promoting increased accountability of the school districts operating within its borders in regard to the achievement of equality of educational opportunity and the elimination of disparate test scores and academic performance in many of the City's low-income neighborhoods,

WHEREAS, in addition to more resources, Portland area schools require a renewed commitment from our citizens and businesses in the contribution of volunteer time, talents, and resources to neighborhood schools and children,

WHEREAS, provision of financial assistance to cover the costs of District operations which are consistent with the City's authority and functions under its charter will allow Portland schools to allocate scarce budgetary resources to core curricular programs, and

WHEREAS, the need to act now is imperative as none of the potential school revenue options whether through the "local option" tax or other local revenue source can bridge the critical budget gaps facing Portland schools in 1999-2000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council agrees to provide up to \$4 million in additional City resources to Portland public schools to accomplish city objectives of workforce and economic development, maintaining the safety and security of children and neighborhoods, providing recreational opportunities for youth and maintaining District facilities allowing for the delivery of neighborhood and community services in accordance with the following processes and with the following expectations

1 The City Office of Finance and Administration ("OFA") is directed to execute up to four million dollars in short-term borrowings to free up a portion of the General Fund dollars currently allocated for capital projects and pay said borrowings from the General Fund capital set-aside as set forth in Exhibit A hereto

2 OFA is further directed to allocate any additional resources identified in upcoming financial forecast updates to pay said borrowings and restore the capital set-aside budget

3 Contingent on their agreement to report back to the City Council on the conditions noted below, this City funding will be distributed among the five Portland-area school districts in an amount to be negotiated between the superintendents and City, taking into account the pro rata representation of students within City of Portland boundaries

4 Portland School District No 1 shall agree to report to the City Council on a semi-annual basis on the District's

(a) progress accomplishing the objectives of the school improvement plans in those schools not meeting academic standards, these reports shall include individual school's efforts to improve the test scores and lower the dropout rates of all children in poverty,

(b) progress implementing KPMG Performance Audit recommendations aimed at achieving operational and management efficiencies to improve the delivery of services to students and the community,

(c) progress achieving revenue through consolidating, sale or lease of properties not needed for schools in order to exploit all potential funding sources for core curricular activities, and

(d) effective use of citizen and business volunteers in their schools

5 Parkrose, Reynolds, David Douglas and Centennial school districts shall agree to report to the City Council on a bi-annual basis on their respective progress in achieving general improvements in student academic performance, eliminating performance gaps attributable to socio-economic status, making operational and management improvements to free up resources for core curricular programs, and increasing the use of citizens and business volunteers in their schools

Mayor Vera Katz
Commissioner Jim Francesconi
Commissioner Charlie Hales
Commissioner Erik Sten
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Adopted by the Council.

AUG 11 1999

Gary Blackmer

Auditor of the City of Portland

By

Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY	DATE FILED <u>8/11/99</u>
Mayor Vera Katz Commissioner Jim Francesconi Commissioner Charlie Hales Commissioner Erik Sten Commissioner Dan Saltzman	Gary Blackmer Auditor of the City of Portland
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Affairs <u>Don Saltzman</u>	For Meeting of _____
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Utilities <u>[Signature]</u>	
Works <u>[Signature]</u>	
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Prepared by Mayor Katz Date 08/09/99	
Budget Impact Review	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
Bureau Head M Wessel	

AGENDA	FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS	
		YEAS	NAYS
Consent Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Francesconi	✓	
NOTED BY	Hales	✓	
City Attorney <u>M Wessel</u>	Saltzman	✓	
City Auditor	Sten	✓	
City Engineer	Katz	✓	