

## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TAKES ACTION TO ENSURE THAT ATLANTIC BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTINUES TO OPERATE AS THE COMMUNITY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO CLOSURE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, since 1939, Atlantic Beach Elementary School has played a vital role in shaping the community's character and well-being by nurturing young minds, educating future leaders and citizens, fostering a sense of belonging, and serving as a hub for social connections and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, while the historically significant structure at 298 Sherry Drive's most notable physical feature is its charming pink exterior with blue trim, the vibrant "Little Pink School" is a community cornerstone with immeasurable value to the community, having served generations of families; and

**WHEREAS**, Atlantic Beach Elementary School maintains an A rating and is in the among Florida's top-ranked schools, providing the optimal environment for its students because of the unified support of parents, teachers, staff, administrators, business supporters, local government, nonprofits, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, highly rated elementary schools enhance quality of life in communities and contribute to the economic well-being of their residents because they tend to be more attractive to families, leading to increased property values, a stronger tax base, and a more vibrant overall community. By investing in their schools, communities invest in their own futures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Duval County School Board is evaluating the merits of a facilities consolidation plan that would close Atlantic Beach Elementary School, which be a tremendous detriment to the Atlantic Beach community.

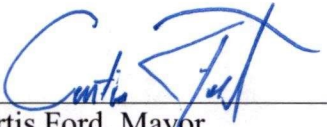
**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Atlantic Beach, Florida:

**SECTION 1.** That the City Commission respectfully requests that the Duval County School Board takes action to ensure that Atlantic Beach Elementary School continues to operate as the community's elementary school and is not subject to closure.

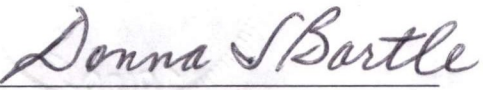
**SECTION 2.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

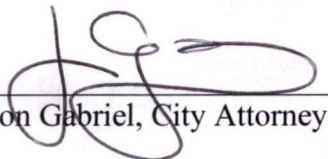
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Atlantic Beach, this 8th<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
Curtis Ford, Mayor

Attest:

  
Donna L. Bartle, City Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

  
Jason Gabriel, City Attorney