

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH EMPHASIS ON TEACHER SALARIES; AND CALLING UPON EVERY TOWN- AND CITY-ELECTED BODY IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO CONVEY BY RESOLUTION THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE STATE OF EDUCATION FUNDING IN ARIZONA.

WHEREAS, 99% of the Vision Fountain Hills Workshop participants identified “Mobilize Community to Lobby State Leaders” as a top priority for sustaining FHUSD Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Fountain Hills, in concert with the Fountain Hills School Board, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Fountain Hills to collaborate to improve the educational opportunities for Fountain Hills’ students; and

WHEREAS, 866 teachers left Arizona classrooms during the first four months of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona, according to the Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association, is short 1968 teachers; and

WHEREAS, another 3403 teaching positions were filled with people who were not trained as teachers; and

WHEREAS, according to recent studies, our K-12 schools currently receive less State aid than in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Arizona reduced State aid for education more than any other state; and

WHEREAS, K-12 is a key driver of our economy and economic development; and

WHEREAS, elementary school teachers in Arizona receive less pay than in any other state in the country and high school teachers’ pay ranks #48th; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of teachers, parents, our children, and businesses in the State of Arizona to assure that all students receive the best public education available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the Town of Fountain Hills conveys to Governor Ducey, all legislators, and all council members throughout the State our serious concern about the level of funding for our public schools with emphasis on teacher salaries.

SECTION 2. That the Council of the Town of Fountain Hills calls upon every town- and city-elected body in the State of Arizona to convey by resolution their concerns about the state of education funding in Arizona.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fountain Hills, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 6th day of February, 2018.

FOR THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS:

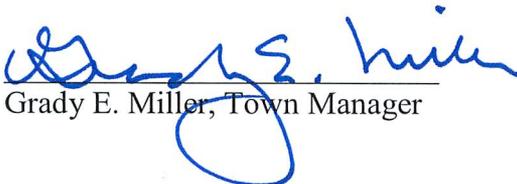
ATTESTED TO:


Linda M. Kavanagh, Mayor


Acting Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk

REVIEWED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Grady E. Miller, Town Manager


Dickinson Wright PLLC, Town Attorneys

CERTIFICATION

I, 
Acting Bevelyn J. Bender, the duly appointed Clerk of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 2018-14 was duly passed by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on February 6, 2018, and the roll call of the vote thereon was 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, and that the Mayor and 6 Councilmembers were present thereat.


Acting Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk
Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona