

Resolution No. 935-14

By Council Member Cimperman

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Healthy Schools Program and the implementation of its framework in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and encouraging all CMSD schools to enroll in the program, build school wellness councils, including teachers/staff, students, parents, and community partners, complete the Healthy Schools Program Inventory to assess current school efforts, and develop an action plan based on what's important and achievable in each school community.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland and Cleveland City Council are committed to creating a Healthy Cleveland with healthy neighborhoods and residents who live healthier lifestyles including being physically active and improving nutrition with access to fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has adopted a revised Comprehensive Wellness Policy in April 2013 (Resolution No. 2013-3033(B)) to provide procedures to ensure that students receive consistent information and education regarding proper nutrition, increased physical activity, and the benefits of healthy lifestyle choices through the school, classroom, and cafeteria; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance for a Healthier Generation (Alliance), founded by the Clinton Foundation and the American Heart Association, engages schools using the Healthy Schools Program Framework that identifies specific best practices to create healthier school environments including policy and systems, employee wellness, school meals, physical education, health education, student wellness, and competitive food and beverages; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, and United Way of Greater Cleveland have funded a dedicated Alliance Program Officer for CMSD for the next three years; and

WHEREAS, 30.8% of children and 30.1% of adults in the state of Ohio are obese and the state ranks 24th (children) and 13th (adults) for state obesity ranking; and

WHEREAS, Healthy students perform better, attend school more, and behave better in class;
and

WHEREAS, 95% of school-aged youth in the United States attend school; other than home, it is where they spend the most time; and

WHEREAS, Children consume nearly 50% of their daily calories while attending school; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance Healthy Schools Program reaches 892 schools and over 465,000 students in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the CMSD serves 45,900 meals, 16,900 breakfasts, and 29,000 lunches per day; and

WHEREAS, 79 schools in the CMSD have expressed interest in participating in the Healthy Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, five CMSD Schools (Buhner Dual Language Academy, Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy, John Marshall High School, Michael R. White STEM School, and Ginn Academy) have achieved Bronze Recognition Status by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation;

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council supports the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Healthy Schools Program and the implementation of its framework in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and encourages all CMSD schools to enroll in the program, build school wellness councils, including teachers/staff, students, parents, and community partners, complete the Healthy Schools Program Inventory to assess current school efforts, and develop an action plan based on what's important and achievable in each school community.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.