



AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2021

RE: RESOLUTION 2021-29 - SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR THE PASSING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 BOND MEASURE 4B TO REBUILD GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL

BACKGROUND

In an email dated September 16, 2021, Executive Director of School District 51 Dr. Angela Christensen requested that the City of Fruita adopt a Resolution expressing support of School District 51's bond measure 4B to rebuild Grand Junction High School. The ballot question will go before Mesa County voters at the November 2, 2021 Coordinated Election.

The estimated project cost is \$144.5 million. If passed, the bond measure would supply \$115 million of the funding for the project. The rest will come from a \$10 million Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant from the state and \$19.5 million remaining from the 2017 Bond Measure.

The project will supply a completely new high school. However, the project does include plans to preserve the current school's east gym and art building, which are newer parts of the GJHS campus.

At the September 28, 2021 City Council Workshop meeting, the Council packet included a copy of a draft Resolution provided by School District 51 supporting the bond measure. At that meeting, no Council members objected to placing a Resolution in support of Bond Measure 4B on the October 5, 2021 Council agenda for the Council's consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

No direct impact to the City of Fruita government, but an increase in taxes to Fruita residents.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The essential nature of education and our local school district is directly tied to having a high degree of quality of place and economic health of the City of Fruita.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- 1) Adopt the Resolution of Support
- 2) Deny the Resolution of Support
- 3) Amend the Resolution of Support and adopt it as amended

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council move to:

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