

South Windsor Board of Education  
January 28, 2014

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan, adopted on September 13, 2011, calls for a “long-range elementary facilities plan that promotes a safe, engaging learning environment that is accessible to all students and community members”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education officially adopted the Elementary Facilities Ten-Year Master Plan on October 29, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, an overview of the Master Plan was presented to the Town Council on December 2, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education approved on December 10, 2013 the *Educational Specifications* for the construction of a new PK-5 elementary school to be built on the Orchard Hill campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Specifications call for compliance with state and federal mandates associated with school security; and

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut State Department of Administrative Services released a January 2014 draft report of the School Safety Infrastructure Council calling for a variety of new school security requirements for school construction projects; and

**WHEREAS**, costs associated with these new mandates have been incorporated into the final cost estimate for the new school construction at the Orchard Hill campus, Phase One of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the final total project cost estimate is \$33,521,724; and

**WHEREAS**, South Windsor’s state reimbursement rate for new school construction is 34.64%; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost to South Windsor taxpayers after reimbursement will be \$22,258,157; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Education to bring the referendum question forward to the South Windsor community on March 25, 2014.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the Chairman of the Board to formally request the Town Council to approve a referendum date of March 25, 2014.

*Approved January 28, 2014*