

RESOLUTION 2023-8

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE INDUS SCHOOL REMAINING OPEN

WHEREAS, the City of Littlefork is committed to making decisions that promote quality educational programs and services to school-age children of our community and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Littlefork believes that a quality public education serves as an essential foundation to and has an integral impact on school-age children's future and the counties economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Littlefork believes that education is an important asset in maximizing the opportunities of an individual and a community; and

WHEREAS, rural public schools have a positive impact on the lives of countless students and enhance county initiatives by providing employment opportunities for residents, retaining families within a community, and providing alternative educational opportunities for students that meet the need of the whole student; and

WHEREAS, school closures affect all aspects of our students' lives, such as food and housing security, healthcare, safety, and educational technology; and

WHEREAS, school closures negatively impact a community and surrounding area from a social, economic, and population standpoint; and

WHEREAS, our nation's future well-being relies on providing our most vulnerable students access to high quality education and programs that meet their needs;

WHEREAS, quality public education for every child is integral to the viability and economic future of developing communities, by directly and indirectly contributing to the intellectual and physical development of all individuals regardless of circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the potential closure of a public schoolhouse serves to deepen the inequalities and diminish the opportunities for every child and diminishes our economic stability; and


WHEREAS, the Indus school provides quality education that meets the needs for many students that reside in Koochiching County; and


WHEREAS, the City of Littlefork is extremely proud of their own Littlefork-Big Falls School District #362 and education system, the City recognizes that the Indus/Birchdale community is equally proud and invested in the Indus School and supports their efforts to keep the facility open for the sake of the students, residents, and community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the commitment to promote access to quality public education for students of all types is a cornerstone to a great education, and as a neighboring city, Littlefork is supportive of the efforts to keep the Indus School open.


THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Littlefork does hereby affirm its support for the public education system offered at Indus school and condemns the proposed school closure by the South Koochiching Rainy River School District, ISD #363.

ADOPTED by the Littlefork City Council at the regular open public meeting thereof, held this 16th day of March, 2023.


Attest: Sonja E Pelland, City Clerk


Mayor Mike Fort

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Littlefork on March 16, 2023.


Sonja E. Pelland, City Clerk