



LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

Lake of the Woods County Auditor-Treasurer

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The following Resolution was offered by Commission Cody Hasbargen, seconded by Commissioner Joe Grund and carried unanimously to approve the following:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE OF THE WOODS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AFFIRMATION, COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE INDUS SCHOOL
Resolution No. 23-03-03**

WHEREAS, the Lake of the Woods Board of County Commissioners 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 Lake of the Woods County Board of County Commissioners 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 Lake of the Woods Board of County Commissioners 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 counties 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 students that reside in both Koochiching County and Lake of the Woods County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the commitment to promote access to quality public education for students of all types is a cornerstone to Lake of the Woods Board of County Commissioners. As a County and neighboring school partnership, Lake of the Woods is committed to ensuring its residents have access to public education that meets their needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby affirm its support for the public education offered at Indus school and supports efforts to reconsider closure to allow for further discussion.

ADOPTED by the Lake of the Woods Board of County Commissioners (*Ed Arnesen, Joe Grund, Cody Hasbargen, Buck Nordlof and Jon Waibel*), State of Minnesota, at the regular open public meeting thereof, held this 28th day of March, 2023.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY

I, Lorene G Hanson, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners of said Lake of the Woods County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Lake of the Woods County Board of Commissioners of said Lake of the Woods County at a regular county board meeting thereof held on the 28th Day of March, 2023, that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 28th Day of March, 2023, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.



*Lorene G Hanson, County Auditor/Treasurer
County of Lake of the Woods
State of Minnesota*

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