

KOOCHICHING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION OF THE KOOCHICHING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AFFIRMATION,  
COMMITMENT, AND SUPPORT OF THE INDUS SCHOOL REMAINING OPEN

WHEREAS, the Koochiching 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 Koochiching 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 Koochiching 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 and Koochiching County.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Koochiching Board of County Commissioners will undertake to meaningfully engage the Koochiching community to ensure that the interests of students, especially those most vulnerable, are represented; and

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

ADOPTED by the Koochiching Board of County Commissioners, State of Minnesota, at the regular open public meeting thereof, held this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:



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