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VILLAGE OF CHAUNCEY RESOLUTION NO. 2012-4

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE CHAUNCEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Athens City School District has announced the closure of the Chauncey Elementary School, and;

WHEREAS, the Village Council on behalf of the residents of the Village oppose the closure as not in the best interest of the Village, its residents and children and the Athens City School District;

Now, **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Chauncey, State of Ohio, as follows:

Section One: By the Elementary School closure the children of Chauncey will be deprived of the history of and the sense of belonging to a community inculcated by being educated in a neighborhood school.

Section Two: By the Elementary School closure, the parents and the children of Chauncey will lose the unity, camaraderie and society engendered by a community school through its functions and activities.

Section Three: The facilities at Chauncey Elementary School provide better classroom facilities, amenities, play areas and other uses than older schools in the District, which will cost scarce dollars to upgrade to achieve what Chauncey's existing facilities offer.

Section Four: The impact of closing Chauncey Elementary School on Chauncey's impoverished community will have detrimental financial and societal repercussions for years to come.

Section Five: Athens City School District, a governmental unit of Ohio, has failed to conduct its decision process with transparency and

fairly. The District should stay its decision thereby allowing input from Chauncey residents and Chauncey school students and graduates into the decision-making process. The Village and its people have been deprived of meaningful input into this decision.

Section Six: The closure of Chauncey Elementary School is clearly not in the best interest of the students of the Athens City School District nor the tax payers whose tax dollars support the District. It is particularly onerous to the interests of the Village, its children, parents and residents.

By this Resolution, the Village of Chauncey expresses to the Athens City School Board its vehement opposition to the closure of the Chauncey Elementary School, requests a stay of the decision and requests the opportunity to participate in a transparent decision-making process so vital to a free and democratic society.

SO RESOLVED this 3rd day of January, 2012

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President of Council

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AS TO POSTING OF RESOLUTIONS

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Resolution No. 2012-4

Publication of this Resolution was made by posting a copy of the same in the following five locations within the Village, beginning on January 10, 2012, and concluding on January 25, 2012 (at least 15 days later):

Location	Date Posted
<u>Town Hall</u>	<u>1-10-12</u>
<u>Post Office</u>	<u>1-10-12</u>
<u>Cee Dee's Mart</u>	<u>1-10-12</u>
<u>Library</u>	<u>1-10-12</u>
<u>T's Quik Stop</u>	<u>1-10-12</u>

Attest:

Date: Jan. 10, 2012

Maria J. Mungo
Village Fiscal Officer