BEFORE THE REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF HAMILTON AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE
A NEW OPTIONAL ELEMENTARY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING
WOODLAWN COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 4, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF
ILLINOIS AND WOODLAWN COMMUNITY HIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON,
STATE OF ILLINOIS; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX
RATES; THE ELECTION OF A BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN APRIL, 2015; AND
THE SUBMISSION OF THE SAME TO THE VOTERS IN
SAID SCHOOL TERRITORY AT AN ELECTION TO BE
HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

PETITION

NOW COME the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community Consolidated
School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois and the Board of Education
of Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of
Illinois, pursuant to Article 11E of The School Code (105 ILCS 5/11E), seeking the
organization of a new Optional Elementary Unit School District in said territory, and in
support there of state as follows:

1. Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of
Jefferson, State of Illinois and the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community High
School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, submitted applications to
the Illinois State Board of Education for a waiver of Sections 11E-30, 11E-35 and
11E-65 of The School Code (105 ILCS 5/11E-30, 5/11E-35 and 5/11E-65) on
September 27, 2013, pursuant to properly adopted resolutions of their respective

Boards on September 26, 2013, copies of which resolutions are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B.

2. The applications for waiver of such sections of The School Code were submitted to the General Assembly by the Illinois State Board of Education and such reports were approved by reason of the failure of the General Assembly to disapprove such reports within the sixty (60) calendar days after each House of the General Assembly next convened after such report was filed.

3. The Petitioners hereby designate the following named ten (10) individuals as a Committee of Ten of the Petitioners, pursuant to Section 11E-35 of The School Code, any seven (7) of whom may at any time, prior to final decision of the Regional Superintendent, amend the petition in all respects and make binding stipulations on behalf of all petitioners as to any question with respect to the petition or hearing and to accountings or waiver thereof between school districts.

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Brett (Jeff) Burkett
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4. The territory described in Exhibit C comprises the entire territory of the two (2) school districts, namely Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois.

5. The described territory conforms in all respects with the permissive language set forth in the Districts' applications for a waiver of Section 11E-35 of The School Code 105 ILCS 5/11E-35).

6. The supplementary state deficit differential payments under Section 11E-35(c) of The School Code (105 ILCS 11E-65) shall be paid to the new school district.

7. The proposed optional elementary unit school district will have an approximate pupil population of 320 elementary students and 180 high school students at the date of its creation.

8. The proposed optional elementary unit school district shall be authorized to levy taxes in the respective funds hereinafter set forth at the maximum rates set forth:

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9. The aggregate extension base for the new district will be $1,991,142.

10. The debt service extension base for the new district will be $250,000.

11. The organization of a new Optional Elementary Unit School District in the territory described in Exhibit C is in the best educational interests of the schools of the area and the pupils affected and is financially beneficial to the affected school districts.

12. The Petitioners further request that the election of a board of education on an at large basis be submitted to the voters on a separate ballot at the consolidated election in April, 2015.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Petitioners request and petition that the territory described in Exhibit C be organized into a new optional elementary unit school district, that the tax rates herein be established for the respective portions of the district, that the election of a board of education on an at large basis be submitted to the voters at the consolidated election to be held in April, 2015; that the Regional Superintendent of Schools of Hamilton and Jefferson Counties conduct a hearing on this Petition as provided in Section 11E-45 of The School Code and approve said petition; that upon completion of said hearing the Regional Superintendent submit the Petition and all the

evidence submitted at said hearing to the State Superintendent of Schools for his review and approval in accordance with Section 11E-45 of The School Code; and that said proposition be submitted to the voters of said territory at the primary election to be held on November 4, 2014.

Woodlawn Community Unit School District No. 4
County of Jefferson
State of Illinois

Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205
County of Jefferson
State of Illinois

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

[Signature]
Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education
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EXHIBIT C

ALL OF THE TERRITORY COMPRISING WOODLAWN COMMUNITY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, COUNTY OF
JEFFERSON, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND WOODLAWN COMMUNITY
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON,
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We, the undersigned, constituting the Committee of Ten, hereby affix our signatures to this petition indicating our willingness to serve on such Committee and to support this proposed creation of a new optional elementary unit school district in the territory comprising the entire territory of Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4 and Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205.

Tom Mears
Joy Renaud
Leslie Witzel
Wes Harris
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Scott Owens
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois anticipates that it will experience financial difficulties and static or declining enrollments in the future making it difficult to provide a comprehensive high quality educational program with the limited financial resources available to it as required by Article 10, Section 1, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the students residing in Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, currently attend Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the students of both districts will be provided a more comprehensive educational program if the territory comprising Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois were organized into a new optional elementary unit school district: and

WHEREAS, after said districts are combined into a new optional elementary unit school district such district will continue to have sufficient size (pupil enrollment) and financial resources to provide and maintain a recognized educational program for the students residing in said territory; and

EXHIBIT A
WHEREAS, Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois and the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, submitted applications to the Illinois State Board of Education for a waiver of Sections 11E-30, 11E-35 and 11E-65 of The School Code (105 ILCS 5/11E-30, 5/11E-35 and 5/11E-65) on September 27, 2013, pursuant to properly adopted resolutions of their respective Boards on September 26, 2013, copies of which applications are attached hereto as Group Exhibits A and B; and

WHEREAS, the applications for waiver of such sections of The School Code were submitted to the General Assembly by the Illinois State Board of Education and such reports were approved by reason of the failure of the General Assembly to disapprove such reports within the sixty (60) calendar days after each House of the General Assembly next convened after such report was filed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed combination of Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No 4 and Woodlawn Community High School District 205 is compliant with the waivers submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education finds that it is in the best interests of the schools of the area and the educational welfare of the pupils that this proposed optional elementary school district be created;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, as follows:
1. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this resolution by this reference.

2. This Board of Education initiate a petition in conjunction with the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois to create a new optional elementary unit school district in the territory comprising Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois.

3. The new Combined School District be authorized to levy taxes in the respective funds hereinafter set forth at the maximum rates hereinafter set forth:

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4. If such Petition is granted by the Regional Superintendent of Schools that it be submitted to the State Superintendent of Schools along with all of the evidence for his review and approval.

5. If such Petition is approved by the State Superintendent of Schools that the Regional Superintendent of Schools call an election to be held on November 4, 2014, in Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4 and Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205 seeking the approval of the voters in each of such districts that such optional elementary unit school district be approved.

6. That at the consolidated election in April, 2015, a board of education be elected on an at large basis.

7. The President and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are directed to sign said Petition forthwith.

8. This Board of Education undertake any and all other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.
9. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted by the following vote this 22nd day of May, 2014.

AYE: 4

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN:

[Signature]
President, Board of Education

[Signature]
Secretary, Board of Education
STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of said District.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of said District at its meeting held on the 22nd day of May, 2014, relating to the authorization to file a petition to create a new optional elementary unit school district in the territory comprising Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, a true and correct copy of which said resolution is attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature at Woodlawn, Illinois this 22nd day of May, 2014.

[Signature]

Secretary, Board of Education
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois anticipates that it will experience financial difficulties and static or declining enrollments in the future making it difficult to provide a comprehensive high quality educational program with the limited financial resources available to it as required by Article I0, Section l, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, many of the students residing in Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, currently attend Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4; and

WHEREAS, the students of both districts will be provided a more comprehensive educational program if the territory comprising Woodlawn Community High School District No. 205, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, and Woodlawn Community Consolidated School District No. 4, County of Jefferson, State of Illinois, were organized into a new optional elementary unit school district; and

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6. That a board of education be elected at the April, 2015, consolidated election on an at large basis.

7. The President and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are directed to sign said Petition forthwith.

8. This Board of Education undertake any and all other actions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.

9. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted by the following vote this 22nd day of May, 2014.

AYE: /s/ 

NAY: /s/ 

ABSTAIN: /s/ 

[Signatures]

President, Board of Education

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STATE OF ILLINOIS    )
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