

VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED
CLOSING OF WASCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY
ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 303**

WHEREAS, St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 (“*District 303*”) is considering closing one or more schools in the District, including Wasco Elementary School which is located in and serves residents of the Village of Campton Hills; and

WHEREAS, District 303 appointed the Community Growth Committee comprised of members of the District 303 community (“*Growth Committee*”); and

WHEREAS, the Growth Committee conducted meetings in 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Committee commissioned an enrollment projections study from Dr. Charles Kofron, who presented his projections in a report dated July, 2015 (“*Kofron Report*”); and

WHEREAS, the Growth Committee presented a white paper to the District 303 Board, dated August 10, 2015 (“*Growth Committee Report*”); and

WHEREAS, it is the Village’s position that the Growth Committee Report and the Kofron Report underestimate the potential for long term growth in the Village of Campton Hills; and

WHEREAS, moreover, it is the Village’s position that District 303 did not take into consideration the data and information provided by Dr. Charles Cappell, who discussed the potential for future growth in Campton Hills, and that the data used by the District to justify closing Wasco School was outdated, underutilized, and had low validity; and

WHEREAS, moreover, the District failed to include Elgin planning in its forecast of potential growth, including unincorporated land that could be annexed to Elgin in the future; and

WHEREAS, Wasco Elementary School is the westernmost school in the District and would support future developments in that area; and

WHEREAS, continued reliance on the Growth Committee Report and the Kofron Report could lead to an unwarranted and premature closure of Wasco Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the closing of Wasco Elementary School eliminates a venerable and historic educational site that provides identity and meaning to the Village of Campton Hills and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost savings and alleged efficiency gains to District 303 by closing Wasco Elementary School are minimal when compared to the disruption the closing of Wasco Elementary School will have on current and future parents and students; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Campton Hills acknowledges the overwhelming community support for keeping Wasco Elementary School open, as demonstrated at Superintendent Schlomann's presentation at the District 303 meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Campton Hills urges District 303 to consider the community support shown for the continued viability of Wasco Elementary School, which demonstrates a high degree of trust among parents and the community, and not squander this trust by closing this school; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals listed above are incorporated into this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

SECTION 2. The Village Board of the Village of Campton Hills opposes any plan by District 303 to close Wasco Elementary School. The Village encourages District 303 to consider the overwhelming community support in favor of keeping Wasco Elementary School open, and reconsider the faulty assumptions and data contained in the Growth Committee Report and Kofron Report. The Village urges District 303 not to close Wasco Elementary School.


SECTION 3. All ordinances, resolutions, and other documents in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Passed this 24 day of November, 2015 by roll call vote:

	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Trustee Laura Andersen	X	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Susan George	X	_____	_____	_____
Trustee James McKelvie	X	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Mike Millette	X	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Michael O'Dwyer	X	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Michael Tyrrell	X	_____	_____	_____
President Harry Blecker	_____	_____	_____	_____

APPROVED THIS 24 DAY OF November, 2015



 Harry Blecker, Village President

(SEAL)

ATTEST: 

 Nicholas Girka, Village Clerk