

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO PROCEED
IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Bloomfield Hills Schools (the “District”), County of Oakland, State of Michigan, was held in the District on the Twenty-Fourth Day of November, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by _____.

Present: _____

Absent: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____.

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Hills Schools (“the District”) owns and operates the **Bowers School Farm** and the **Johnson Nature Center**, two community assets that serve vital educational, environmental, and recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in **preliminary discussions with Oakland County Parks** regarding a potential partnership intended to enhance public access, operational sustainability, and educational programming at these sites; and

WHEREAS, the District, in collaboration with Oakland County Parks, conducted a **comprehensive community engagement process** in October 2025 that included both in-person events and an online survey, generating **approximately 750 valid responses**; and

WHEREAS, respondents emphasized strong community values related to **agriculture education, youth learning opportunities, preservation of natural spaces, and continued local ownership and stewardship** by Bloomfield Hills Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that any future partnership must reflect the District’s educational mission, maintain public trust, and **preserve Bloomfield Hills Schools’ ownership and oversight** of both properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to continue discussions and enter into formal negotiations with Oakland County Parks regarding a potential partnership related to the Bowers School Farm and the Johnson Nature Center.

2. Such negotiations shall be guided by the following principles derived from community input:
 - Maintain Bloomfield Hills Schools’ ownership and educational mission at both sites
 - Preserve and enhance opportunities for student and community education in agriculture, nature, and environmental stewardship
 - Ensure continued public access and preservation of natural areas and trails
 - Explore operational and financial collaboration that sustains programming and facilities without compromising community values

3. The Superintendent shall return to the Board with a proposed draft agreement or memorandum of understanding outlining the partnership’s terms, fiscal impact, and operational implications for formal Board consideration and approval before execution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Board expresses appreciation to the residents, parents, and stakeholders who participated in the engagement process and reaffirms its commitment to transparency, collaboration, and stewardship in the management of District assets that enrich student learning and community life.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Resolution declared adopted.

Carolyn Noble
Secretary, Board of Education
Bloomfield Hills Schools

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Bloomfield Hills Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on November 24, 2025, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board’s minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Carolyn Noble
Secretary, Board of Education
Bloomfield Hills Schools