



**BOARD RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MEASURE 20-138**

Whereas: Willamalane Park and Recreation District and Springfield Public Schools have worked successfully and cooperatively the past eight years to provide after-school activities for children, and;

Whereas: The funds for those programs were provided through a variety of grants including BEST, Schools Plus, and SAFE and will no longer be available after the 2008-2009 school year, and Willamalane is proposing a tax levy that would generate the funds necessary to continue and expand the after-school program for 5 years, and;

Whereas: The community has responded both in the Springfield Quality Education Model process and the Springfield 2015 survey that after-school activities for kids are a top priority, and;

Whereas: It is in the best interests of children to be in a safe and controlled environment after-school, where they are staying busy and focused on academic and recreational activities, thus working to help them achieve academically and participate in physical activities that improve wellness and fight childhood obesity, and;

Whereas: Ballot measure 20-138 would provide these activities to 12 elementary and 5 middle schools, thus providing the services to more than 2100 children in the shared service area of Willamalane and Springfield Public Schools regardless of the economic status of the children or their families, therefore;

Whereas: Passing the measure will preserve Willamalane's innovative after-school and summer programs that serve low-income students, and;

Whereas: The new after-school programs will provide a mix of recreational and educational services, such as literacy support, homework club, games, arts and technology, and the measure will also fund school swim lessons for all fourth graders and other youth recreation programs, and;

Whereas: Growing up to be a well-rounded adult takes good role models, positive friendships, academic achievement, physical activities and arts. After-school activities help build self-esteem in students. Willamalane's after-school programs focus on the whole child, and;

Whereas: Measure 20-138 will make affordable and effective after-school activities widely available. The annual cost to the average Springfield homeowner is less than a family would spend on one night out for dinner and a movie, therefore

Be It Resolved by the Springfield Public Schools Board of Directors: That the School Board publically and formally supports passage of the After-School Activities Measure 20-138.

Be It Further Resolved that the School Board urges all Springfield voters within the Willamalane Park and Recreation District to vote "YES" on Ballot Measure 20-138.

Dated this 22nd Day of September 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Bigley".

Nancy Bigley, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Light".

Jonathan Light, Vice Chair