Passed: 6-1 (Paul S)

RESOLUTION 93-08

ENDORSING THE
MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING PROMISE

WHEREAS, literate, thoughtful and effective citizens are the critical ingredients of a healthy, competitive economy and a viable democracy; and

WHEREAS, a preschool through post-secondary educational system that focuses on student learning is vital to a successful community; and

WHEREAS, the community shares responsibility for educating our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is City Council's responsibility to forge new partnerships which realign roles and ensure a coordinated, effective and flexible approach to maximizing resources and positive community development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

We adopt the Monroe County Community Alliance for Lifelong Learning Promise. We pledge to communicate our commitments to our constituents and solicit their involvement in upholding these tenets:

1. Participate in the Community Alliance for Lifelong Learning and uphold the tenets of strategic planning.

2. Continue to promote coordination, cooperation, and collaboration within the social service community to promote greater accessibility and the seamless delivery of services.

3. Join with the Early Childhood Steering Committee in the development of a readiness plan to include criteria, goals, staff training, public relations, and especially coordination with schools.

4. Join with the Early Childhood Steering Committee and the Step Ahead Council in the development of a roster of children born in our community and the compilation/distribution of a readiness packet for new parents. This roster and packet will be the basis of a communication system to provide families with readiness information prior to school attendance. Other resources to be developed will include screening and parent classes.

5. Join with the school system to explore the development of service clinics based in or easily accessible to schools.

6. Work to encourage and support efforts to provide programs and services to at-risk children and their families, which will include health, psychological, food, recreational, and parenting classes.

7. Join with educators and businesses to promote the arts, the humanities, literacy, and service learning for all citizens.

8. Continue to foster a drug-free, violence-free community.

9. Continue to promote full participation in the cultural, economic, political, and social life of the community on the part of every individual. We will continue to offer assistance to both individuals and organizations in pursuit of lifelong learning.

10. Set policies that encourage employees to be actively involved in their children's and their own education.

11. Promote the value of education and awareness of educational issues throughout the organization.

12. Support innovation in education and the development of alternative programs and instructional methodologies.

13. Provide continuing human, physical, and financial (as available) resources to enhance student learning and teacher development.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17 day of February, 1993.

JACK W. HOPKINS, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 18th day of February, 1993.

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution endorses the Monroe County Community Alliance for Lifelong Learning Promise. It acknowledges City Council's responsibility to forge new partnerships with educators, businesses, community agencies, and other groups to ensure a coordinated, effective, and flexible approach to maximizing both resources available for education and the positive community development resulting from education. Emphasis is placed on school readiness, school-linked services, at-risk children (and their families), and the collaborative effort our community will need to meet these shared responsibilities.

Signed copies to: