CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL
GEORGE V. VOINOVICH HIGH SCHOOL

The Governing Authority (the "Board") of West Cleveland Drop Back In School, dba **Frederick Douglass High School**, and Southern Cleveland Drop Back In School, dba **George V. Voinovich High School** (the "Schools"), non-profit corporations organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, hereby acknowledges and resolves as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED that the Board meetings of the Governing Authority are public meetings, and members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED that active engagement of the public is beneficial to the school. Active engagement can take the form of public comment at Board meetings, and that reasonable limitations to public commentary are within the governance of the Board; including the submission of one Request to Speak form per participant per meeting, and time limitation of not more than three (3) minutes per public comment request. Commentary time may be shortened at the Chair's discretion if there are numerous requests to speak.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Directors shall adopt the Public Participation & Public Comment Policy. The Public Participation & Public Comment Policy Guidelines are attached as Exhibit A; the Request to Speak Form is attached as Exhibit B; attached hereto and incorporated herein as restated.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

Upon motion duly made by MR. BERG, seconded by MR. RODNEY LEWIS

Board Member *Name/Initials*	**AYE**	**NAY**	**OTHER** *(Not Present, Abstain, etc.)*
Aaron Berg	– AB		
Karen Lewis	– KL		
Rodney Lewis	– RL		
Courtney Perry	– CP		
Sonya Boyd, Chairwoman	– SB		

Executed and adopted by a vote of the Board on this 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2018.

Sonya Boyd

Sonya Boyd, Chairwoman
Frederick Douglass High School
George V. Voinovich High School

Exhibit A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

GUIDELINES

Oral communications from persons other than Board members on matters before the Board or of interest to the Board shall be encouraged within reasonable limitations and shall be received at regular Board meetings within and subject to the following procedures:

1. A Request to Speak Form shall be available at each Board meeting. The form shall provide for the person's name, address, the organization the person represents and the item(s) on which the person requests to speak. Facsimiles shall be accepted;

2. A Request to Speak Form shall be submitted to the Secretary or any Board member prior to the convening of the Board meeting. The Secretary shall organize the requests in chronological order according to the Board agenda. Items appropriately assigned to new or unfinished business shall be brought up at that time;

3. Unless otherwise permitted by the chair and agreed to by the Board, no person shall speak for more than three minutes and, at the prerogative of the chair, may be limited to one topic per meeting;

4. Unless otherwise permitted by the chair and agreed to by the Board, no more than three persons shall be permitted to speak on any single issue;

5. Any questions or suggested solutions pertaining to the quality of education in the School or other problems, which have not been resolved, shall be welcomed by the Board;

6. Matters currently under negotiation or litigation will not be discussed in public. Matters related to personnel or involving personally identifiable student information should be addressed in executive session.

7. All persons speaking at any Board or committee meeting shall confine all their remarks to the issue(s) at hand. No person, so speaking, shall make any reference to personalities, shall make derogatory statements concerning any individual or organization or shall act in a disorderly manner. Any violation of this paragraph shall subject the speaker to immediate forfeiture of the floor and continued violation of this paragraph shall subject said person to expulsion from said meeting; and

8. Any recording equipment should be silent, unobtrusive, self-contained, self-powered and not interfere with the ability of others present to hear, see and participate in the proceedings. Persons recording all or portions of a Board or committee meeting should inform the chair prior to doing so.

9. The Board may respond immediately following a speaker. However, some issues require research and deliberation before an appropriate response can be made. If a full response is desired, particularly for complex issues, a letter of request to the Board is recommended with questions or concerns clearly stated.

[End]

Exhibit B

REQUEST TO SPEAK FORM

Name:_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Phone:_____

Organization:_____

Subject matter you wish to speak about:_____

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I acknowledge that I have read the above Public Participation Policy and I agree to abide by the rules and procedures outlined therein. Moreover, I recognize that my failure to do say may lead to removal from the public meeting.

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Signature