

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: JUNE 13, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 15

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "PROJECT IMPACT", A COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPERATING FUNDS TO WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT GAPS

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: June 7, 2016
COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS, a new community initiative called “Project Impact” proposes to inject \$45 million into Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to address critical student achievement gaps over the next six years; and

WHEREAS, Project Impact, which will begin in the 2016-2017 school year, was conceived of by a group of local business leaders and currently has commitments for \$22 million of the \$45 million goal; and

WHEREAS, Project Impact will allow the school system to serve hundreds more children in its prekindergarten program; and

WHEREAS, Head Start and N.C. Pre-K, publicly funded programs that serve low-income families, currently each have a waiting list of 500 to 600 children in Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS, longer term goals of Project Impact are improvement in third grade reading and math proficiency, narrowing achievement gaps, and higher graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, if the Project Impact initiative proves successful, the goal would be to transition to public funding after six years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and ratifies the contributions of sponsors, businesses, foundations, and individuals in support of Project Impact.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2016.