

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: Resolution to Oppose Closing Ogdensburg Correctional Facility

DATE: November 15, 2021

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board of Education should support all community efforts to maintain stable economic conditions.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hochul's proposed 2022-2023 State Budget eliminates funding for the medium security Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, which would force the New York State Department of Corrections to close the facility; and **WHEREAS**, this medium security prison was welcomed in Ogdensburg in 1982, at a time when other municipalities in New York State did not want a prison; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility has provided employment to residents of the City of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County for the past 38 years, and has provided valuable manual labor through work programs to the City of Ogdensburg and other not for profit organizations in the greater Ogdensburg community; and

**WHEREAS**, the closing of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility will result in the loss of more than 287 jobs at the facility, many held by Ogdensburg residents, and will result in the untold job losses at businesses that support the facility and businesses that serve the employees of the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the unemployment rate in St. Lawrence County is one the highest of New York State's 62 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the median income of residents in St. Lawrence County is one of the lowest of New York's 62 counties the following is the recommended resolution:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_ that, having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

The Ogdensburg City School District strongly opposes the closing of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, and urges Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to provide the necessary funding to keep the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility open.

**AND, FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Corrections Vincent Schiraldi, Governor Kathleen Hochul, Senator Daniel G. Stec, Senator Patricia Ritchie, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman D. Billy Jones, Assemblyman Mark Walczyk, Assemblyman Kenneth Blankenbush, Assemblyman Robert Smullen and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

  
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Superintendent

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