

**CITY OF BREWER, MAINE  
IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED**

2007-A171

November 13, 2007

TITLE: RESOLVE, BREWER CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON NEW  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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after the deadline  
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WHEREAS, the Brewer School Department currently operates five aging elementary school buildings constructed between 1925 and 1957; one of which, Pendleton St. School, was closed in 2004 due to severe structural deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, Pendleton St. School students were relocated to Washington St. School while others were assigned to State St. School resulting in severe overcrowding at both buildings; and

WHEREAS, Maine's State Board of Education has endorsed the closure of Capri St. School, State St. School, Washington St. School and Brewer Middle School to construct a single state of the art facility housing all of Brewer's elementary school children; and

WHEREAS, a new elementary school will afford Brewer's children educational opportunities otherwise unavailable currently with significant savings in operational costs, enhanced safety and a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the arts are important to Brewer citizens and the only venue for student or community performances is located at Brewer Middle School, a building slated for closure; and

WHEREAS the proposed elementary school is planned to include an optional performing arts center; and

WHEREAS, the cost to construct the new school is \$39,717,383 including a performing arts center; of which 93% will be borne by the State of Maine and 7% by the City of Brewer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brewer City Council endorses the proposed school construction project and urges Brewer citizens to support the referendum on December 4, 2007. Furthermore, the Brewer City Council resolves to use proceeds from the sale of existing buildings to reduce Brewer's share and it encourages private efforts to do the same.