



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL
& MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS SINKING FUND PROPOSAL
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

WHEREAS the Midland Business Alliance (MBA), on behalf of 3,100 businesses in the Midland area, monitors and advocates on issues impacting business; and

WHEREAS the MBA believes a high-quality education is essential for tomorrow's workforce to be successful and adequate funding and other critical tools are needed to ensure the next generation of workers is properly prepared for the workforce; and

WHEREAS the MBA supports economically viable initiatives which enhance the community's quality of life and affects a positive business climate, including education programs; and

WHEREAS Meridian Public Schools, established in 1958 and currently enrolling about 1,370 students with slight growth projected over the next few years features buildings with aging and failing infrastructural and outdated learning spaces; and

WHEREAS Midland Public Schools, established in 1909 and currently enrolling about 7,300 students and projecting growth over the next ten years utilizes many structures built decades ago and now at or near the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS both ballot proposals were informed after each school district proactively sought candid input from community members, parents, and staff about what they were willing to support; and

WHEREAS the Meridian Public Schools bond proposal focuses on only essential infrastructure repairs and safety improvements, such as roof replacements/repairs, HVAC upgrades, septic field replacement, and security improvements; and

WHEREAS the Meridian Public Schools bond proposal would extend the current millage levy of 7.0 mills by five years, beginning in 2032, to raise \$13,900,000 to accomplish these essential upgrades; and

WHEREAS the Midland Public Schools sinking fund proposal is designed to fund repairs and maintenance, safety and security improvements, student transportation resources, and technology improvements; and

WHEREAS the Midland Public Schools sinking fund proposal would levy a tax rate of 1.5—1.75 mills, raising approximately \$4,600,000 to \$5,400,000 annually over ten years to accomplish these essential upgrades; and

WHEREAS K—12 public school districts in Midland County consistently do an outstanding job of making difficult cost containment decisions to cut expenses while maintaining vital programs; and

WHEREAS to maintain vital programs and high-quality education resulting in a more robust workforce, school districts must continually refresh facilities, equipment, technology teaching tools, books, bussing, and other needs beyond the limited general operations budget; and

WHEREAS the business community sees the proposed bond proposal and the projects it will support as an investment in our future workforce and quality of life,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MIDLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE SUPPORTS MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PROPOSAL TO LEVY A 7.0 MILL THROUGH 2037, WHICH REPRESENTS A ZERO TAX RATE INCREASE TO THE CURRENT LEVY, TO FINANCE \$13,900,000 IN FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS. THE MIDLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE ALSO SUPPORTS MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PROPOSAL TO LEVY 1.5—1.75 MILLS FOR A SINKING FUND TO FINANCE APPROXIMATELY \$4,600,000—5,400,000 ANNUALLY FOR EACH OF TEN YEARS.



THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO VOTERS IN THE MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT AND MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT, RESPECTIVELY, DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST 2026 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE.



Mike Williams, Chairman of the Board



Tony Stamas, MBA President & CEO