

2020 Census School Board Resolution

Whereas:

the Census occurs every ten years to count every person residing in the United States and is fundamental to ensuring that all residents of our community have access to fair representation, essential services, and economic development; and

an accurate count of persons living in LaGrange County in the 2020 Census will determine the representation of individuals, families, and communities in our local, state, and federal governments; and

population data obtained in the 2020 Census will be used by government officials to determine which communities should receive services, health clinics, libraries, and housing; and

the populations that are prevalent in our county are at high risk of being uncounted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau include young children, people of color, low-income households, language minority families, foreign-born residents, and households with limited Internet access; and

children are more likely to be missed in the Census count if they reside in complex households such as multi-generation households, extended families, and multi-family households; and

during the 2020 Census, there is a heightened risk of an undercount due to the digital divide, language access issues, and lack of knowledge or information on the importance of or access to the U.S. Census; and

local and state governments, as well as community-based organizations, can play a critical role in counteracting the undercount risks, reaching hard-to-count populations and ensuring their communities get counted in 2020; and

it is paramount for the school board, superintendent, principals, teachers, parent organizations, and all local leaders in Lakeland School Corporation to communicate the importance of Census 2020 to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted:

Therefore, be it resolved that Lakeland School Corporation will develop and adopt a plan of action ensuring a complete count of all the students and their families residing within the school corporation on the 2020 Census; and

Be it resolved the plan of action will include, but is not limited to providing and distributing information to our students, parents, and staff members on the importance of the U.S. Census and its role in federal funding and state representation through the various communication

channels employed by the school corporation, providing recommended curriculum to our students on the U.S. Census, promoting the involvement in the U.S. Census to community members at various school and community events, and hosting participation events on April 1, 2020, U.S. Census Day; and

Be it further resolved, Lakeland School Corporation is committed to working in partnership with other local, civic, business, and community leaders, and others to engage, educate, and count every resident within our local community in the 2020 Census.

Adopted this 10th day of February 2020

David Larimer, President



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