RESOLUTION

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

PLEASANTDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 107 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SUPPORTING THE VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE INVEST IN COOK GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GERMAN CHURCH ROAD SIDEWALK CONNECTION TO SCHOOLS AND TRANSIT

WHEREAS, Pleasantdale School District 107 supports the efforts of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Burr Ridge, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois to improve and enhance transportation resources that support growth and economic vitality in Burr Ridge and neighboring communities of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways administers Invest in Cook, an \$8.5 million grant program to help local governments and agency partners further their transportation projects by covering some of the cost of projects that promote the five priorities of Connecting Cook County, the County's first long range transportation plan in 75 years; and

WHEREAS, the German Church Road corridor underserves the residents, schools, and businesses in Burr Ridge, Willow Springs, and surrounding communities by its lack of transit and pedestrian access; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Burr Ridge and the Village of Willow Springs, recognize the need to improve German Church Road with a safe sidewalk connection to neighborhood schools and transit; and

WHEREAS, German Church Road is under the jurisdiction and maintenance of Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, designated County Highway B41; and

WHEREAS, the German Church Road Sidewalk Connection to Schools and Transit Project will be a partnership of these Villages to study and plan for improvements needed along German Church Road, fill in sidewalk gaps, expand a bridge over Flagg Creek, modify the Wolf Road traffic signal for accessibility, enhance a school crossing, and provide a new connection to a Pace regional bus route that further interconnects with Midway Airport and CTA bus routes to Chicago; and **WHEREAS**, the German Church Road Sidewalk Connection to Schools and Transit Project aligns with the priorities of Connecting Cook County and would therefore be eligible for one-to-one matching funds through the Invest in Cook grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Education of Pleasantdale School District No. 107, Cook County, Illinois that:

Section 1: That Pleasantdale School District 107 support the efforts of the Mayor and Board of Trustees and find that it is in the best interest of our residents and schools to collaborate and apply for an Invest in Cook grant and further study the German Church Road Sidewalk Connection to Schools and Transit Project.

Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval as required by law.

Adopted this 19th day of March, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

DATE:_____

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education