

Circulated September 21, 2026
October 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday September 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by President Mitchell. President Mitchell opened the meeting requesting observance of a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by council member Davis. President Mitchell requested all cell phones please be turned off or placed on silent position out of respect for the council.

2. ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Cerra, VanWormer, Armstrong, Rothgery, Davis, Tollett, Oswald, Lipian, Doehne, Schneider, Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Brubaker, SSD Loesch, Fin. Dir. Pileski, Law Director Deery, Police Chief Welsh, Fire Chief Vargo, Engineer Schneider

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor:

Mayor Brubaker thanked all departments that assisted with the 46th Annual Apple Festival over the weekend. He expressed his appreciation to the parks and recreation department, local non-profits and Elyria Police Department. He shared how engaged the Police were with the young people throughout the weekend in the square. He credited the engagement with the young people to the first time in his tenure with the city of Elyria that there were no issues in the evening during the duration of the festival. Mayor Brubaker expressed "kudos" to all city departments and especially the Elyria Police Department. Mayor Brubaker announced Officer Joseph Figula, will be retiring after twenty-seven years with the Elyria Police Department as the Elyria High School, Resource Officer. Officer Figula received the number one badge as the longest tenured patrol officer within the department. Mayor Brubaker expressed well wishes to Officer Figula in his endeavors. Mayor Brubaker announced, Friday September 18th was the last day of work for Assistant Fire Chief William Gall, after thirty-three years of service. Fire Chief Gall was very valuable in his work with the fire prevention bureau. Mayor Brubaker expressed being grateful for the long tenure of these two employees with the City of Elyria.

President Mitchell asked if there would be a replacement for Chief Gall. Mayor Brubaker responded there will be three promotions scheduled for Monday October 5th at 3:00 p.m. in council chambers.

Council member Van Wormer expressed the same sentiments as Mayor Brubaker and also expressed appreciation for city hall hosting the Princess Pageant. The square was rained out, however a nice crowd gathered inside of city council chambers to witness the 2026 Queen Dylan Schneider get crowned as the 46th Annual Pageant Queen.

Council member Rothgery asked if the empty store front display windows downtown could be decorated with flowers for more aesthetics and visual design. Mayor Brubaker responded yes.

Council member Schneider, agreed with Council member Rothgery and suggested collaborating with ECP- Elyria Community Partnership, Ms. Roberts.

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5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: Continued

ASSD Director: No Report

Council member Lipian thanked ASSD Loesch for stepping into the role of interim Safety Service Director. He shared that he is doing a great job.

Law Director: No Report

Finance Director: No Report

EPD: No Report

Council member Oswald asked if education of e-bikes is being circulated within the community. Chief Welsh responded yes and that additional trainings will be scheduled for springtime.

EFD: No Report

Engineer Schneider: No Report

Council member Armstrong inquires about sidewalk work on Middles Ave. and asked for clarification if that is a part of safe routes to school. Engineer Schneider confirmed yes, it is a part of safe routes to schools along with several other projects.

Council member Oswald asked about advertising on water towers. Engineer Schneider stated he would reach out to the consultant to find out the effectiveness of water tower advertising.

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S:

** Matter is completed or partially completed*

1. The matter of a request for a liquor transfer from MACS Convenience Stores LLC, Circle K 5315, 402 Broad Street, Elyria, OH 44035 to 402 Twin Pillars Krishna LLC, Circle K, 402 East Broad Street, Elyria, OH 44035.

REFERRED BY: DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. The matter of a New Liquor Request for PKH Real Estate Property Investments LLC, 1412 West Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035.

REFERRED BY: DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. * The matter of active, inactive and interim funds to be awarded and deposited for the five (5) year period beginning December 1, 2026.

REFERRED BY: FINANCE DIR. PILESKE

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

4. The matter of selling the following two vehicles: #1906 1FMEU73E19UA03663 2009 Explorer, #1974 2G1WD5E37G1154677 2016 Impala.

REFERRED BY: CAPTAIN PALMER

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6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRAL'S: Continued

REFERRED TO: FINANCE

5 The matter of a 2-year agreement with the LC Transit and VIA for transportation services in Elyria.

REFERRED BY: MAYOR BRUBAKER

REFERRED TO: FINANCE.

6. The matter of authorizing the transfer of a City owned vacant Urban Renewal parcel located on Wayne Street (Parcel No. 10-00-004-110-38).

REFERRED BY: CD DIR. SCOTT

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

7. The matter of authorizing a reduction in applicable Building Department permit fees and water/sewer tap-in fees.

REFERRED BY: CD DIR. SCOTT

REFERRED TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE

Item 8. received and placed on file in the clerk's office:

8. List of receipts collected by each division of the Clerk of Court's Office for August 2026.

7. PETITIONS—LOBBY: None

8. PETITIONS—COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council member Schneider shared information regarding agenda item four that the council was scheduled to vote on later in the meeting received from the Elyria Citizens for Quality Education committee. Exhibit 'A'

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID ACCOUNTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Cerra seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

EMRGENCY

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: Continued

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF DEMOLITION RELATED COSTS FOR 204 LAKE AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID COSTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

EMRGENCY

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF DEMOLITION RELATED COSTS FOR 184 ROOSEVELT AVENUE, ELYRIA, OHIO 44035 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID COSTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

EMRGENCY

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ISSUE 4, AN 8.9-MILL CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT THAT WOULD RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$11.6 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE ELYRIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Van Wormer moved, Schneider seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

EMRGENCY

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

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10. RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING: Continued

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P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS TO BE AWARDED AND DEPOSITED FOR THE FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 2026 AND FIXING THE DATE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT BIDS FROM BANKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION

EMRGENCY

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS:

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 120

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 165, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Cerra seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

Tollett recused himself

SUSPENSION

EMRGENCY

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

AYE: 10

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSENT: 0

Sponsored by

Finance

B. Davis
C. Schneider
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-121

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 165.13, LONGEVITY COMPENSATION, OF THE ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

Davis moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

Tollett recused himself

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0

Sponsored by

Finance

B. Davis
C. Schneider
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-122

AN ORDINANCE TO REFLECT UPDATED WAGES FOR CERTAIN NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE ELYRIA MUNICIPAL COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Cerra seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

Tollett recused himself

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-123

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND ACCEPT, IF OFFERED, THE COMMUNITY AND LITTER GRANT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW F-550 DUMP TRUCK WITH BOX EQUIPMENT, FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Van Wormer seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-124

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VERDANTAS LLC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CT CONSULTANTS, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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13. ORDINANCES—FIRST READINGS: Continued

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-125

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-119, TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAMHALL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING COMPANY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Van Wormer seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

Lipian recused himself

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-126

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-34, KNOWN AS THE "2026 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE," TO CHANGE FUNDS IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

Tollett moved, Schneider seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

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13. ORDINANCES--FIRST READINGS: Continued

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Utilities

D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
B. Davis
G. Rothgery
B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-127

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 13 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ELYRIA WASTE WATER POLLUTION PLANT CONSOLIDATED SSO/CSO/WWPCP WET WEATHER PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules.

SUSPENSION

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 11

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by

Utilities

D. Mitchell
K. Oswald
B. Davis
G. Rothgery
B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-128

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAMHALL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING COMPANY, FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2ND STREET PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Armstrong seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

Lipian recused himself

SUSPENSION

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

EMRGENCY

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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G. Rothgery
B. Armstrong

Finance

P. Tollett
C. Schneider
B. Davis
M. Van Wormer
J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-129

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UTILITEC/DOXIM FOR UTILITY AND STORMWATER BILL PROCESSING AND MAILING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ELYRIA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Davis moved, Van Wormer seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of rules, and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION	EMRGENCY	PASSAGE
AYE: 11	AYE: 11	AYE: 11
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0	ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES--SECOND READING: None

15. ORDINANCES--THIRD READING: None

16. COMMITTEE CALLS:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mon. 9/28/2026 Beginning at 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

JOINT CD/FINANCE

Mon. 9/28/2026 Immediately following Community Development. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/ C. Schneider, Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

FINANCE

Mon. 9/28/2026 Immediately following CD/Finance All Referred Items Council Chambers Chr., w/ P. Tollett, Chr., Mayor, Law Dir. Fin. Dir., SSD, Engr.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mon. 10/5/2026 Immediately following Council Meeting All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Engineer

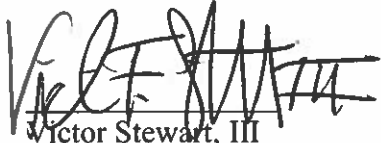
17. MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

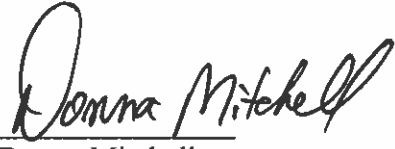
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18. ADJOURNMENT:

Davis moved, Armstrong seconded to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m.


Victor Stewart, III
Clerk of Council


Donna Mitchell
President of Council

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XE-lqREtLA>

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CITY OF ELYRIA

Kevin Brubaker, Mayor

330 East Broad Street
Elyria, OH 44035

Fire Department
Bureau of Arson and Fire Prevention

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Tru by Hilton / Hilton Home2 Suites

1765 Travelers Lane

Incident #26-4373

August 17, 2026

02:01:50 hours

The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office is notified when there is a fire related fatality, or if there is a fire loss that exceeds \$500,000 in damages. It does not mean that the State Fire Marshal's Office will run the investigation in these instances, but they are notified and are available for assistance if requested. In this instance, due to the high value loss and the complexity of the investigation, their assistance was requested. The State Fire Marshal's Office has access to, and the ability to deploy resources that exceed those of most municipal fire departments.

Since the date of the fire:

- The property has been boarded up on the ground levels.
- The property has been secured with fencing around the perimeter.
- Two (2) teams of structural engineers have assessed the building for stability. All four (4) floors of the South end of the building have been deemed stable for the purposes of an investigation. The first (1st) and second (2nd) floors of the North end of the building have been deemed stable for the purposes of an investigation. The third (3rd) and fourth (4th) floors of the North end are currently off limits due to structural concerns.
- During last week, contractors were given limited access to the building with an attendant, to recover any tools/property that was left on-site.

In the coming weeks:

- All contractors that have worked on-site, their insurer's and their insurer's fire investigators will be put "on notice" of a pending "Joint Scene Exam", in which all interested parties will go through the fire scene together. Once they are notified, they have fourteen (14) days to respond with their availability. Once everyone's availability is confirmed, the Joint Scene Exam will be scheduled. The expectation is that will take place in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Once the Origin & Cause is determined, the decision of the property's future will be assessed and decided.

PETITION/REMONSTRANCE----COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL MEMBER Schneider
DATE 9/21/2024

SUBJECT: Agenda item #4 - Supporting
Issue 4

REFERRED TO: _____

The Elyria Citizens for Quality Education committee is truly grateful for the endorsement and support for the Elyria City Schools Operating Levy, Issue 4. Thank you for recognizing the importance of investing in our students, educators, and schools.

Strong schools help build strong communities, and we deeply appreciate everyone who has taken the time to learn about the levy, share their perspective, and support our students.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your commitment to the future of our schools and our community.

Together, we can continue creating opportunities for every student to succeed.

