RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114
CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE
MANHATTAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND
THE PEOTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Manhattan and Peotone Fire Protection Districts provide fire suppression and emergency medical services in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan School District 114 neighbors the Peotone and Manhattan Fire Protection Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan and Peotone Fire Protection Districts have announced there is value in the consolidation of the two Districts; and

WHEREAS, specifically, it is reported that budget growth in Peotone and Manhattan in the coming years does not presently support the ability to implement full-time staffing models, renovate facilities, invest in equipment, or keep up with regional growth without seeking tax increases; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of the two Districts is reported to result in benefits to the public such as the long-term delivery of public safety services at a lower cost to certain taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the Districts is predicted to result in the provision of needed resources and budgeting flexibility to hire new personnel and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Peotone and Manhattan Fire Protection Districts have already successfully consolidated administrative functions pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement, which has generated substantial savings; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that additional savings could be realized following a full consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan School District 114 finds consolidation of the Manhattan and Peotone Fire Protection Districts would benefit the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: The preambles to this Resolution are incorporated herein as if stated in full.

Section Two: Manhattan School District 114 expresses its approval and support for the contemplated consolidation of the Manhattan and Peotone Fire Protection Districts.

ADOPTED by this 22nd day of September, 2021.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: