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WDSO-FM, Chesterton High School.

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2 WDSO-FM, Chesterton High School.

3 *Whereas, WDSO-FM, the Chesterton High School radio*
4 *station, is a student-run station that has been on the air since*
5 *November 24, 1976, more than 40 years;*

6 *Whereas, The station is a noncommercial, educational*
7 *radio station owned by the Duneland School Corporation*
8 *and operated by Chesterton High School students enrolled in*
9 *broadcasting classes;*

10 *Whereas, The idea for the station was suggested by Greg*
11 *Odle, a Chesterton High School broadcasting graduate in the*
12 *early 1970s;*

13 *Whereas, WDSO-FM first broadcast over an in-house*
14 *station within the halls at Chesterton High School using the*
15 *call letters WSCB;*

16 *Whereas, Dr. Karl H. Speckhard was superintendent of the*
17 *Duneland School Corporation and William Crockett was*
18 *principal of Chesterton High School when the original*
19 *Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license was*
20 *applied for and granted in 1974;*

21 *Whereas, William Crockett also served as the station's*
22 *general manager;*

23 *Whereas, When the original FCC license was applied for,*



1 *Bill Anderson, William P. Crumpacker, Harold Esserman,*
2 *Carlton Frank "Bud" Schrader, and Dr. Norman Novak were*
3 *members of the Duneland School Board;*

4 *Whereas, Jim Cavallo, a Chesterton High School English*
5 *teacher, was the first of four station managers; the others*
6 *are Stephen P. Walker, Lenny Dessauer, Brent Barber, and,*
7 *currently, Matthew Waters;*

8 *Whereas, The original station broadcast at 10 watts and*
9 *was located at 89.1 on the FM dial;*

10 *Whereas, Equipment was purchased by the Duneland*
11 *School Corporation from WCFL in Gary and was installed*
12 *by Jim Loupas, with Thomas Smith serving as the first FCC*
13 *licensed operator;*

14 *Whereas, The station applied for and received a power*
15 *increase in 1985 and was relocated to 88.3 on the FM dial*
16 *where it continues to broadcast at 400 watts to*
17 *approximately 150,000 residents in the Duneland area;*

18 *Whereas, Through the use of an automation system, the*
19 *station now broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week,*
20 *11 months of the year;*

21 *Whereas, WDSO would like to acknowledge that since*
22 *1976, Anton Insurance Agency, the Chesterton Tribune, First*
23 *State Bank of Porter, and the John W. Anderson Foundation*
24 *supported the station's programming through yearly*
25 *donations;*

26 *Whereas, Past and current principals William Crockett, Dr.*
27 *F. Edward Wall, Dr. Dirk Baer, Jan Bergeson, Jim Goetz,*
28 *and Jeff Van Drie have continually supported WDSO;*

29 *Whereas, Former Representative Ralph Ayres, a retired*
30 *Chesterton High School teacher and Duneland School Board*
31 *member until March 2016, was one of the original supporters*
32 *of WDSO;*

33 *Whereas, WDSO has provided a training ground for high*
34 *school students interested in broadcasting, is a co-curricular*



1 *radio program, and has served the Duneland School*
2 *Corporation as well as the Duneland community by*
3 *providing daily programming, sports, and news broadcasts;*
4 *and*

5 *Whereas, WDSO has provided countless students with*
6 *invaluable broadcasting experience throughout the years:*
7 *Therefore,*

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
9 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
10 *the Senate concurring:*

11 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
12 WDSO-FM on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of its creation.

13 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. David Pruis,
15 superintendent of the Duneland School Corporation; Jeff Van Drie,
16 principal of Chesterton High School; Duneland School Board members
17 Kristin Kroeger (president), John Marshall (vice-president), Ronald
18 Stone (secretary), Michael Trout, and Brandon Kroft; and WDSO staff
19 members Miles Jablonski (co-assistant program director), Josiah
20 Fentress (co-assistant program director), Eli Ontiveros (music director),
21 Donovan Lawnicki (co-sports director), Simon Williger (co-sports
22 director), Samantha Bunning (news director), and Andrew Stolz (PSA
23 director).

