

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,

STATE OF COLORADO

RESOLUTION No. 3449

WHEREAS, in an effort to address chronically low student achievement, on December 20, 2012, the Board of Education approved a grade reconfiguration of Centennial from ECE-8 to ECE-5 and a redesign of Centennial for the 2013-14 school year in order to improve student achievement;

WHEREAS in their resolution on December 20, 2013 the Board of Education also recognized that a substantial change to the educational program is aligned with the Denver Plan and will provide students with opportunities for significantly improving student achievement;

WHEREAS, the Centennial community, including the principal, CSC, parents, and teachers, evaluated possible changes and identified Expeditionary Learning as an educational model that would both address parent needs and greatly improve student achievement;

WHEREAS, following this decision, the Centennial principal in collaboration with the Centennial CSC, parents, teachers, and community partners and in consultation with an Expeditionary Learning school designer prepared a proposed school design and innovation plan;

WHEREAS, the school design was written to addresses school characteristics consistent with the district-recognized School Quality Framework, and the innovation plan included a list of waivers from certain district policies, the Denver Classroom Teachers Association collective bargaining agreement, and certain Colorado Revised Statutes necessary in order to implement the proposed school design;

WHEREAS, District staff have completed a review of Centennial's innovation plan both for completeness of the innovation requirements as well as a quality review of the school design;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2013, over 60% of Centennial teachers demonstrated support for the school design and innovation plan through a fair and transparent voting process;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2013, District staff presented their recommendation to approve the innovation plan of Centennial to the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2013, after giving reasonable public notice, the Board of Education held a public hearing, in which Centennial and other interested parties could provide information regarding the innovation plan;

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the innovation plan submitted by Centennial, the presentation and all additional information provided by Centennial, District staff recommendations, and the information received at public hearings.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The innovation plan for Centennial be approved for a three year period from the date of the prospective State Board of Education approval. This approval is in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community.

To the extent that a waiver of a specific Board of Education Policy is not included in the Innovation Plan, that policy will apply to the Innovation School and it will be presumed the Board of Education did not intend to supersede or waive any policies not explicitly listed when accepting the Innovation Plan.

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Mary Seawell, President

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Andrea Merida, Secretary