

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO
RESOLUTION No. _____

Legacy Options IP High School Innovation Status

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (1)(e) strongly encourages each school District Board of Education "to delegate to each public school a high degree of autonomy....thereby empowering each public school to tailor its services most effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of the population of students it serves";

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(g) requires public schools that receive greater autonomy under this article be held accountable for student academic achievement;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(e) encourages innovation in education by providing local school communities and principals with greater control over levels of staffing, personnel selection and evaluation, scheduling, and educational programming with the goal of achieving improved student achievement;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2013 the Denver Public Schools Board of Education approved resolution 3446 authorizing district staff to implement a new IP School in FNE Denver;

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2015 the Denver Public Schools Board of Education approved a motion to place Legacy Options IP High School at 6850 Argonne St. beginning in the 2015-16 school year;

WHEREAS, the principal for Legacy Options IP High School and school leaders, in collaboration with the CSC, parents, teachers, and community partners prepared an innovation plan;

WHEREAS, the school's innovation plan included evidence of a significant amount of input into developing the innovation plan including input from existing teachers, parents, and administrators. Upon being fully staffed and students enrolled, the existing teachers and parents provided input and made revisions into the final innovation plan. This work continued through the summer when teachers provided input into the innovation plan via a shared document and held 1:1 meetings with the principal and staff to update the plan. Parents/guardians provided input into the plan through participation on the CSC and 1:1 meetings with the principal. Teachers studied and refined the plan and provided specific feedback and updates during summer sessions on August 13 and 17. The Collaborative School Committee, which includes parents/guardians and teachers, also convened two summer meetings to study and provide input into the plan.

WHEREAS, the school design was written to address the challenges that have led to persistent underperformance in this region, and is consistent with the DPS School Quality Framework, and the innovation plan included a list of certain waivers from 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 has completed a review of Legacy Options IP High School's innovation plan both for completeness of the plan, as well as quality review of the school design;

WHEREAS, the school's innovation plan received overwhelming support from administrators, teachers and parents including evidence of majority support of the administration, majority approval from the CSC, and greater than 60% of teachers approved the innovation plan as evidenced by a secret ballot vote on August 24, 2015;


WHEREAS, on September 3, 2015, District staff presented their recommendation to approve the innovation plan of Legacy Options IP High School to the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the innovation plan submitted by Legacy Options IP High School, the presentation and all additional information provided by Legacy Options IP High School, District staff recommendations, and the information received from the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Innovation Plan for Legacy Options IP High School shall 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.



Allegra "Happy" Haynes, President



Rosemary Rodriguez, Secretary