

Colorado State Board of Education

A Resolution:

IN SUPPORT OF THE COLORADO READING FIRST MODEL

- WHEREAS: The Colorado Reading First federal grant program (Title I, Part B) has been funded in Colorado since the initial grant in 2002, using scientifically based reading research practices with K-3rd grade students to achieve the goal that all students shall be reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade; and
- WHEREAS: Colorado Reading First has touched 91 of the 956 elementary schools in Colorado, including 49 currently funded schools, representing 35 districts; and
- WHEREAS: The data to date in Colorado Reading First currently funded schools reflects a 5% gain in students scoring proficient or advanced on CSAP over two years of implementation with K-3rd grade students in some of the most challenged schools in the state; and
- WHEREAS: The Reading First program has sustained a cut in appropriations at the federal level, of 62% for the academic year, 2008-2009.
- BE IT RESOLVED That the Colorado State Board of Education fully endorses the Colorado Reading First model, as an example of a Response to Intervention reform effort that is working in Colorado for some of our most challenged students.

Dated this 14th Day of February, 2008.



Pamela J. Suckla, Chairman
3rd Congressional District



Bob Schaffer, Vice-Chairman
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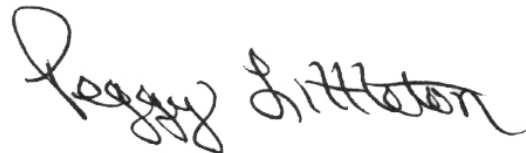
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