



COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Resolution In Support of Colorado's Standards Adoption Process

- WHEREAS: Senate Bill 08-212 mandated a revision of the Colorado Model Content Standards by Dec.15, 2009; and
- WHEREAS Colorado's revision process includes all 13 content areas and the creation of financial literacy standards, aligns vertically and horizontally from preschool through postsecondary expectations, and includes 21st century skills, postsecondary and workforce readiness, and school readiness indicators; and
- WHEREAS Central to this work is our commitment to adopt internationally competitive standards which are "fewer, clearer and higher" than those typically seen in the U.S. today; and
- WHEREAS The Colorado standards must be measurable, academic, knowledge and skill based, explicit, and grade-level specific; and
- WHEREAS The Colorado standards revision process is transparent and research based -- using multiple sources and national experts, inclusive of Colorado educators at all levels, business professionals and military personnel; and
- WHEREAS The National Governors Association and Council of Chief State School Officers have recently proposed the development of Common Core Standards and the Common Core Standards development process will be influenced by Achieve, ACT and College Board utilizing an adaptation of the American Diploma Project Standards; and
- WHEREAS Forty-nine states and territories have agreed to participate in the development of said standards in English language arts and mathematics; and

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WHEREAS States which provide direct evidence that their standards align 85 percent or more with the Common Core Standards are more likely to be eligible for federal funding for state assessment development and other education reform initiatives; now, therefore

BE IT
RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education is fully committed to continue the ongoing efforts to implement Senate Bill 08-212 through the work of the Colorado Department of Education; and

BE IT
RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education intends to adopt internationally competitive, aligned standards for 13 subjects and financial literacy preschool through grade 12 by the target date of Dec. 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education supports Colorado's voluntary participation in the consortium to help shape the development of the Common Core Standards; and

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RESOLVED: Colorado along with each state throughout the country will make its own determination as to the voluntary adoption of the Common Core Standards.


Dated this 13 Day of August, 2009.



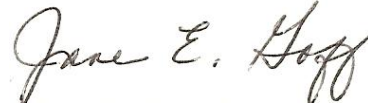
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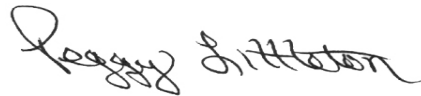
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