



COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Resolution Supporting School Improvement in Colorado School Districts

- WHEREAS: The Colorado Constitution provides for the organization of local school districts to offer free public instruction to Colorado children; and
- WHEREAS: Colorado parents have a growing legacy and protected right to choose the public school that best serves their children's educational needs; and
- WHEREAS: Colorado has proven to be a national leader in public elementary and secondary education reform; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous Colorado school districts have pioneered promising research-based reforms in such areas as internationally benchmarked academic standards, digital learning, school choice, educator training and professional development, evaluation and strategic employee compensation systems, including performance-based; and
- WHEREAS: The economic downturn has left many Colorado school districts facing projected reductions in local property tax revenue and state share funding; and
- WHEREAS: All aspects of government are seeking greater efficiencies in use of tax dollars, and
- WHEREAS: Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper and Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia have reaffirmed the direct link between a fully aligned, outcomes-based public education system and the state's long-term economic viability, along with the need to seek the most efficient ways to distribute limited state resources, and
- WHEREAS: U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has proclaimed the current fiscal challenge "can, and should be, embraced as an opportunity to make dramatic improvements," and that "enormous opportunities for improving the productivity of our education system lie ahead if we are smart, innovative,

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and courageous in rethinking the status quo”; now, therefore,

BE IT

RESOLVED:

That the Colorado State Board of Education thanks Colorado’s local Boards of Education for their dedication to excellent educational opportunities for Colorado’s students, and for their commitment to identifying and implementing cost efficiencies and adhering to the Secretary’s recommendation to improve the productivity of the education system through smart, innovative and courageous actions including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- (1) Streamlined administrative operations; and
- (2) Competitive contracting; and
- (3) Digital learning; and
- (4) Enhanced educational options; and
- (5) Performance-based compensation systems.

BE IT

RESOLVED:

That the Colorado State Board of Education acknowledges and applauds the many innovative, streamlined and efficiency-driven strategies currently being implemented in local districts even in the midst of severe resource challenges, and;

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RESOLVED:


That the Colorado State Board of Education supports and encourages local Boards of Education in their ongoing efforts to seek out and implement innovative, courageous and productive cost efficiencies that reflect both the local context and the local community’s potential to fully engage in improving their schools, raising their students’ academic achievement, and securing Colorado’s economic well-being; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Colorado local Board of Education presidents, district superintendents and Members of the General Assembly.

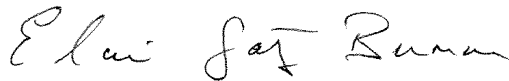
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