

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
STATE OF COLORADO  
RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS the Board of Education is committed to leading the nation's cities in student achievement, high school graduation, college preparation, and college matriculation; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education is committed to improving the quality and effectiveness of each of its schools; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education believes that we must develop new, innovative approaches to teaching and learning in our existing and future schools by offering incentives, giving schools more autonomy over the critical areas of personnel, use of time, and use of money, expanding choices, and building the capacity for innovation, and holding schools accountable for improving student achievement; and

WHEREAS The Innovation Schools Act provides a critical means for schools and the District to accelerate our direction toward its goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered the Innovation Plan for Vista Academy and found that it meets all expectations of the Innovation Schools Act, including that it is fiscally feasible and that it will not result in lower student performance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Education approves the Innovation Plan submitted by Vista Academy under the Innovation Schools Act.
2. The District shall hold Vista Academy accountable on an annual basis for progress toward the goals in its Innovation Plan and their School Improvement Plan using the Denver Public School's School Performance Framework and report that progress to the Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education.
3. The Office of the Chief Academic Officer will be responsible for the continued review and accountability of all instructional elements of the plan, including any academic waivers from the District's curricular policies.
4. As stated in the Denver Public Schools Policy Guidelines on Innovation Quality, the Board of Education has the authority to reverse the Superintendent's denial of an innovation school's autonomy request, including requests for any waivers from the District's curricular policies, if it is determined that Denver Public Schools is not respecting a school's approved innovation plan or is not adhering to the spirit of the Innovation School Act or the Denver Public Schools Policy Guidelines on Innovation Quality.

  
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Nate Easley, President

  
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Jeannie Kaplan, Secretary