

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**CONCERNING A GRADE LEVEL EXPANSION
AND CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT
BETWEEN THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
AND STEM SCHOOL AND ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2014, the Choice Programming Office received a grade level expansion application from STEM School and Academy (“STEM”) to add a 5th grade in SY 2015-16 and potentially add other elementary grades in the future; and

WHEREAS, DCSD staff has reviewed the expansion application and attachments, including projected budget information, which have been found to comply with DCSD charter expansion criteria; and

WHEREAS, STEM has submitted adequate evidence of demand by parents for the 5th grade expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the demand for and the value of choice school offerings in DCSD and the Board fully supports choice that emphasizes the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the elementary grade expansion application submitted by STEM is approved, subject to and pending satisfaction of the following conditions, as well as all other terms and conditions as may be required by law:

1. On or before March 31, 2015, STEM shall submit a business plan to the Choice Programming Office that sets forth the projected number of students to be added to 5th grade in SY 2015-16, including the schools currently attended by said 5th grade students, as well as a plan for offering additional elementary grades in future years;
2. On or before April 30, 2015, STEM shall submit to the Board on or before April 30, 2015 a lease or purchase agreement, signed by STEM and by an authorized representative of the property owner, as lessor/seller, for an appropriate charter school expansion facility available for use on or before August 1, 2015. The lease or purchase agreement shall include assurances that the facility is in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act;
3. On or before April 3, 2015, the STEM Board shall develop curricula and assessments and shall submit a proposed curriculum that aligns to DCSD content standards;
4. On or before April 3, 2015, the STEM Board shall submit to DCSD a detailed budget incorporating the impact of the expansion for fiscal year 2015-2016, as well as budget

forecasts for fiscal years 2015-2018 to be reviewed and approved by the District's Chief Financial Officer. This budget narrative shall include, but is not limited to, a comprehensive explanation of per pupil revenue and expenditures, including costs associated with staffing, materials, supplies and other costs associated with the expansion;

5. On or before June 1, 2015, the STEM Board shall develop and submit pupil performance standards that align to state and DCSD required assessments;
6. On or before June 30, 2015, the STEM board shall submit to DCSD a traffic management plan which has been reviewed and approved by Douglas County and Highlands Ranch governmental entities, as appropriate.

Unless otherwise stated above or subsequently agreed by the Board, in the event all of the conditions in Paragraphs 1 through 6 above have not been satisfied by the dates indicated, this expansion approval will be withdrawn will be deemed denied as of the date set forth below. In no event shall failure of any condition or withdrawal of this expansion approval be construed as a revocation of the STEM charter school contract.

Approved this 17 day of March, 2015, by a vote of 6-0

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By: 

Kevin P. Larsen, President
Board of Education

Attest:

By: 

Secretary, Board of Education