

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, RE-1
IN APPRECIATION OF
THE DANIELS FUND

WHEREAS, the Douglas County School District and its Board of Education are committed to providing educational choices for students and parents to meet individualized student needs, improve educational performance through competition, and obtaining a high return on investment of DCSD educational spending, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this commitment, the Douglas County Board of Education adopted and the District implemented, Policy JCB, *Choice Scholarship Program (Pilot)* as part of the District's Blueprint for Choice contained in its comprehensive Strategic Plan, and

WHEREAS, as with most efforts at innovation in public education, the Choice Scholarship Program has been challenged, requiring the Board of Education to defend in court the opportunities of families in Douglas County to choose the best educational fit for their students, and

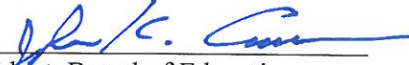
WHEREAS, the Daniels Fund, founded through the generous legacy of cable television and investment banking pioneer Bill Daniels, who held a firm belief that competition and alternative approaches in education lead to excellent outcomes for students, operates the Daniels Fund Grants Program and the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, the Daniels Fund honors Bill Daniels' direction through its support of K-12 educational reform initiatives such as charter schools, portable vouchers for tuition assistance, and significant innovations that challenge the status quo, and

WHEREAS, the Daniels Fund has provided a grant to the Douglas County School District in the amount of \$330,000 for implementation of the Choice Scholarship Program, with an additional \$200,000 structured as a challenge grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Douglas County Board of Education expresses its deep gratitude to the Daniels Fund for its profound generosity and support of innovation and educational choices for the students and families of Douglas County, particularly its generosity in providing the financial resources necessary for the Board to continue its efforts in implementing and defending the Choice Scholarship Program on behalf of the families and students of Douglas County.

APPROVED this 6th day of September, 2011, by a vote of 5-0



President, Board of Education

ATTEST: 