

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, RE-1
IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN
AND
APPROVAL OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR CHOICE INCLUDING REVISIONS TO POLICY
JCA/JFB, ASSIGNMENT *OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS AND OPEN ENROLLMENT*
AND
NEW POLICY JCB, *CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (PILOT)*

WHEREAS, the Douglas County School District has a strong tradition of innovation, excellence, and economic efficiency, and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2011, the Superintendent and her cabinet members presented to the Board of Education a comprehensive Strategic Plan, including a Blueprint for Choice. This Strategic Plan has at its foundation commitments to students, parents, employees and the community, and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan contains three priorities: Choice, World-Class Education, and System Performance that are designed to facilitate the transition from an excellent 20th century school district to a world-class, 21st century school district, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that Students have different learning needs and styles and benefit from a variety of choices in schools and in curriculum, and

WHEREAS, school choice centers around a belief that greater choice meets the desires of parents, and improves the quality of education by fostering innovation and competition, and

WHEREAS, under the District Priority of Choice, the Strategic Plan contains a Blueprint for Choice, which began with the efforts of the Board's School Choice Task Force and was further developed by Superintendent's analysis, and

WHEREAS the Blueprint for Choice contains recommendations and projected timelines for implementation of Choice initiatives that will improve all options for education in Douglas County, including neighborhood schools, charter schools, magnet schools, a new home education program, contract schools, and scholarships to Private School Partners, and

WHEREAS, these efforts are designed to strengthen the District's commitment and students' access to choices for Douglas County families, by improving information and communication, creating flexibility through policy and procedure changes, creating a level playing field for all district schools, and providing multiple opportunities or pathways for student learning, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education strongly supports the comprehensive Strategic Plan presented by the Superintendent as a continuation of the District's traditions of innovation, excellence, and economic efficiency. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to take whatever steps she deems necessary and appropriate in her discretion to implement the Strategic Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education expressly approves the Blueprint for Choice contained within the Strategic Plan, including its associated recommendations, and

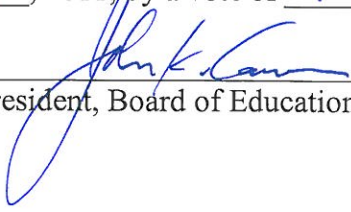
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to take such actions as she deems necessary and appropriate in her discretion to implement the recommendations in the Blueprint for Choice. The discretionary authority given to the Superintendent in implementation of the Blueprint for Choice is intended to be broad, providing her the greatest flexibility possible to achieve the goal of providing each child the opportunity for success, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education expressly approves the revisions to Policy JCA/JFB, *Assignment of Students to Schools and Open Enrollment*, as providing easier access to educational choices for students in Douglas County, as well as to students from outside Douglas County who wish to take advantage the excellent learning opportunities offered here, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education expressly approves new policy JCB, *Choice Scholarship (Pilot)*, to provide a new educational choice for students and parents to meet individualized student needs, improve educational performance through competition, and obtain a high return on investment of DCSD educational spending, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to take such actions as she deems necessary and appropriate in her discretion to implement the Choice Scholarship Pilot Program as an opportunity available to Douglas County students for the Fall of 2011. This direction shall include bringing further items to the Board of Education as may be required to meet this goal.

APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2011, by a vote of 7-0



President, Board of Education

ATTEST: 
