

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE.1

**Resolution of Support  
Allocation of Mil Levy Override Revenues  
March 2, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, we all share in the benefits of well-educated students, excellent schools and resulting high property values;

**WHEREAS**, Charter schools are a valued educational option for parents and students in the Douglas County School District;

**WHEREAS**, the authorization of Charter school contracts and renewals have been consistently supported by the Douglas County School District's Board of Education;

**WHEREAS**, Charter school applications approved by the Board of Education honored the Colorado legislative intent for Charters to facilitate educational choice; introduce competition and facilitate innovation within K-12 education;

**WHEREAS**, to date none of the charter school applications that have come before the Board of Education have indicated that the current school funding policies or per pupil revenue amounts are inadequate to operate the charter;

**WHEREAS**, prior Charter school applications were approved by the Board of Education on the presumed adequacy of state funding pursuant to the School Finance Act of 1994, as amended, and Amendment 23 passed in 2000;

**WHEREAS**, certain revenues derived from mil levy override elections approved in 2003 and 2006 enable supplemental funding support for Charter schools in the Douglas County School District at a substantially higher level than required by state law;

**WHEREAS**, certain revenues derived from mil levy override elections approved in 1989 and 1997 have not been made available to Charter schools in the Douglas County School District;

**WHEREAS**, each mil levy override election question approved by the Douglas County School District electorate was crafted to provide monies for broadly stated educational pursuits in dollar amounts greater than otherwise would have been available through the school finance act and such revenues were not restricted as to their use by program or entity;

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal health of the State of Colorado is compromised, revenue shortfalls are significant, and state funding for K-12 has been and is expected to be reduced;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education's End Statement is to ensure Douglas County School District students acquire the knowledge, skills and dispositions to be responsible citizens who contribute to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, as stewards of the public's trust, a primary responsibility of the Douglas County School District's Board of Education is to protect the assets of the District and mitigate risks that would otherwise endanger the District's public image, its credibility or ability to accomplish the End Statement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District, Re. 1:

**THAT**, all revenues derived from all prior mil levy override elections (currently \$33.7M) annually be distributed in an equal, per-student amount to the student's school of attendance within the Douglas County School system;

**THAT**, the per-pupil dollar allocation be calculated using as a denominator the total of all funded students within the Douglas County School system except such calculations shall not include Chartered On-Line schools;

**THAT**, in regard to schools chartered by the Douglas County School District, this distribution be conducted in an incremental annual percent of 40% of the total for fiscal year 2010-11, 70% of the total for fiscal year 2011-12, and a full 100% of the per-student amount to be distributed in fiscal year 2012-13;

**THAT**, in regard to fiscal year 2010-11, in no event is the dollar equivalent of a 40% share to result in any charter school receiving less than it would have under the current methodology of allocating mil levy override revenue from the 2003 and 2006 elections;

**THAT**, in regard to the allocation of mil levy override revenues for the fiscal year 2010-11 and 2011-12, the District will distribute the monies due in a manner as directed by the Charter schools however for FY2012-13 will distribute the full 100% per-student amount on a pro-rata basis;

**THAT**, the calculation of such per-pupil allocations be incorporated into all requisite budget documents leading up to the Board of Education's approval of the District's annual *Financial Plan and Budget*;

**THAT**, in the event there is a successful mil levy override election prior to November 2012, then the full 100% of all prior mil levy override would be shared in the then current fiscal year; and

**THAT**, in the event of a successful mil levy override election at any future date, it is the express desire of this Board that all future mil levy override revenues be shared on an equal, per-pupil basis upon receipt by the District.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** this March 2, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ President

(SEAL)

Attest:

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