

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

**CONCERNING THE HOPE ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY RENEWAL
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, in 2008, pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. §§ 22-30.5-101 to 120 (the “Act”) and the online education programs statutes, C.R.S. §§ 22-30.7-101 to 113, the Board of Education (“Board”) of Douglas County School District RE-1 (the “District”) authorized the HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-op as a multi-district online charter school (“School”); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the School was split into three related schools for accountability purposes, with the School’s high school designated as an Alternative Education Campus with a Performance rating and the School’s middle and elementary schools designated as Turnaround; and

WHEREAS, for seven of the last eight years, the School’s middle school has been designated as either Turnaround or Priority Improvement, resulting in its being placed on the State Accountability Clock; and

WHEREAS, for the last eight years, the School’s elementary school has been designated as either Turnaround or Priority Improvement, resulting in its being placed on the State Accountability Clock; and

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2018, the School presented to the District and the State Board of Education a Pathways Proposal to improve its academic performance for its elementary and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the State Board of Education approved the School’s Pathways Proposal and afforded the School additional time, up to and including the 2020-2021 school year, to attain a rating of Improvement or higher; and

WHEREAS, also in the Spring of 2018 and contemporaneously with the development and presentation of its Pathways Proposal, the School applied to the District to renew its charter; and

WHEREAS, to allow the School to implement the Pathways Proposal approved by the State Board of Education, the District Board extended the School’s charter for a one-year term, through June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on or before September 1, 2018, the School submitted to the District an Intent to Renew Contract Form to again renew its charter (the “Renewal Application”) in accordance with District Policy LBD and the Douglas County School District Charter School Procedure Manual (the “District Manual”); and

WHEREAS, District staff have reviewed the Renewal Application and have provided a written recommendation, including the reasons supporting the recommendation, regarding the Renewal Application; and

WHEREAS, at a public Board meeting held on December 13, 2018, the School presented additional information to the Board regarding the Renewal Application and responded to questions from the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has thoroughly considered the Renewal Application, the Act, other applicable law, District policy, the District Manual, the Pathways Proposal and the School's progress thereon, oral and written submissions from the School, parents, and the public, and recommendations of District staff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the School's charter is hereby renewed for a _____-year term, subject to and pending satisfaction of the following conditions, as well as other conditions as may be required by law:

1. That by 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2019, the School shall submit the following documents to the Superintendent of Schools and the Choice Programming Office, and that such documents shall be acceptable to the Superintendent of Schools in his reasonable discretion:

- A detailed plan outlining the School's graduation competencies which meets Colorado Department of Education requirements.
- School policies, procedures, and partnerships for maintaining school safety in School learning centers, which plan shall comply with applicable law and District policy.
- Evidence that School representatives have participated in discussions with representatives of the Charter School Institute for the purpose of considering the School's conversion to a multi-district online charter school authorized by the Charter School Institute.

2. That the Board and the School shall negotiate and execute a mutually acceptable charter contract no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Resolution, unless the parties jointly waive such timeline pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-106(2). Such contract shall contain standard terms and conditions, including, but not limited to:

- a mutual agreement with regard to the School's request for non-automatic waivers from state statutes and District policies;
- a provision requiring the School to comply with the Pathways Proposal adopted by the State Board of Education's Order concerning the School's Pathways Proposal and any subsequent orders issued by the State Board of Education and concerning the School;
- a provision requiring the School to receive a rating of Improvement or Performance at all levels (elementary, middle, and high school) in its 2019

- framework results and to be subject to revocation in accordance with the charter contract and applicable law for failing to attain such results;
- a provision requiring the School to provide annual disaggregated achievement and growth data by learning center to the Choice Programming Office;
 - a provision requiring the School to provide annual cohort student retention data by learning center to the Choice Programming Office;
 - a provision requiring the School to undergo a strategic planning session no later than May 31, 2019 to update the School’s strategic plan and to adopt a two-year strategy plan to be shared with the Choice Programming Office and parents of students enrolled in the School;
 - a provision requiring the School to conduct regular staff, parent, and student satisfaction surveys and to share de-identified, aggregated results with the School community and the Choice Programming Office;
 - a provision requiring the School to submit timely and accurate financial reporting to the District and to comply with state financial transparency laws by, among other things, posting all school financial information and audits on the School website in a timely manner;
 - a provision requiring the School to provide to the Choice Programming Office on a monthly basis minutes of the School’s school accountability committee meetings;
 - a provision requiring the School to participate in alternative dispute resolution with the District in the event of a dispute between the School and the District; and
 - if applicable, a provision incorporating the conditions precedent set forth in this Resolution and providing that if such conditions are not satisfied within the time required, then the contract shall terminate and be of no further force or effect.

This conditional approval does not constitute approval or acceptance by the Board of any separate element or provision of the Renewal Application pending approval of a mutually acceptable contract.

3. If the School fails to satisfy the conditions precedent set forth in this Resolution, then such failure shall excuse the Board from renewing the School’s charter and charter contract. In no event shall such failure be deemed or construed as a denial or revocation of the School’s charter.

Approved and adopted this 8th day of January, 2019.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

By: _____
David Ray
President, Board of Education

Attest:

Krista Holtzmann
Secretary, Board of Education