

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

**CONCERNING THE BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL
APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, in 2010, pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. §§ 22-30.5-101 to 120 (the “Act”), the Board of Education (“Board”) of Douglas County School District RE-1 (the “District”) granted a charter to Ben Franklin Academy (“School”); and

WHEREAS, on or before September 1, 2018, the School submitted to the District an Intent to Renew Contract Form to 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, District policy, the District Manual, oral and written submissions from the School 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 condition:

1. 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 provision requiring the School to use the District’s open enrollment tool beginning in the 2020-2021 school year (for enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year);
- 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 maintain an accreditation rating of Improvement or Performance in accordance with CDE standards as they may be amended from time to time during the term of contract;

- 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 plan for the term of the charter 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 monthly minutes of the School’s school accountability committee meetings; and
- 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.

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.

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