

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT INITIATIVE TO
INCREASE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is charged by the Colorado Constitution and the voters of the Arapahoe County School District No. 6 (Littleton Public Schools) to provide the resources and instructional programs necessary to deliver an education to students that complies with Colorado law; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has faced multiple years of budget shortfalls resulting in over \$700 million in cuts to K-12 funding over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, funding for K-12 education was reduced by \$228 million in 2011-2012 and the District's funding was reduced by \$6.9 million; and

WHEREAS, the reduced funding is directly impacting the District's ability to provide a meaningful education to all students; and

WHEREAS, a proposed ballot initiative to amend the Colorado Statutes, which will appear on the general election ballot this November as Proposition 103, will provide additional funds to the General Assembly that may be appropriated only for public education; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 103 will increase state income tax rates from 4.63% to 5% and state sales tax from 2.9% to 3% and these increases will only return these taxes to the rates in effect in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 103 is a temporary fix which will remain in effect from 2012-2017; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 103 will increase the funds available for public education in each of the five years by approximately \$532 million, beginning in fiscal year 2012; and

WHEREAS, while Proposition 103 is not intended to be a long term fix to Colorado's major tax policy problems, but it will limit the need for additional funding cuts while other solutions are studied; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 103 will benefit the students of Colorado and the District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Littleton Public Schools Board of Education officially declares its support of Proposition 103 to increase state income tax rates from 4.63% to 5% and state sales tax from 2.9% to 3%, with all additional funds generated appropriated only for the benefit of public education.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

[DISTRICT SEAL]

By _____
President, Board of Education

Attest:

By _____
Secretary, Board of Education