



COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Resolution Supporting School Improvement in Colorado School Districts

- WHEREAS: The Colorado Constitution provides for the organization of local school districts to offer free public instruction to Colorado children; and
- WHEREAS: Colorado parents have a growing legacy and protected right to choose the public school that best serves their children's educational needs; and
- WHEREAS: Colorado has proven to be a national leader in public elementary and secondary education reform; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous Colorado school districts have pioneered reforms in such areas as digital learning, school choice, educator training, evaluation and professional performance-based compensation; and
- WHEREAS: The economic downturn has left many Colorado school districts facing projected reductions in local property tax revenue and state formula funding; and
- WHEREAS: Some of the standard structures and practices in place in many Colorado school districts represent inefficient uses of tax dollars, as well as obstacles to secondary-school completion and increased academic achievement for all learners; and
- WHEREAS: U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has proclaimed the current fiscal challenge "can, and should be, embraced as an opportunity to make dramatic improvements," and that "enormous opportunities for improving the productivity of our education system lie ahead if we are smart, innovative, and courageous in rethinking the status quo"; now, therefore,

BE IT

- RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education encourages Colorado's local Boards of Education to implement cost efficiencies and adhere to the Secretary's recommendation

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to improve the productivity of the education system through smart, innovative and courageous actions including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- (1) Streamlined administrative operations; and
- (2) Competitive contracting; and
- (3) Digital learning; and
- (4) Enhanced educational options; and
- (5) Performance-based compensation systems.

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Colorado local Board of Education chairmen, district superintendents and Members of the General Assembly.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2011