WHEREAS, on March 22, 2013, the Board of Education of School District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado (the “District”) received an application for consideration of a charter school referred to as DSST VII HIGH SCHOOL (the “Applicant” or the “School”);

WHEREAS, on or before March 22, 2013, the Board of Education, through District staff, informed the Applicant of any missing contents required by statute in the application and the Applicant was provided a reasonable opportunity to provide additional information;

WHEREAS, in April through June 2013, the District’s Application Review Team (“ART”) reviewed the application;

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2013, the District School Improvement and Accountability Council (“SIAC”) issued Recommendations & Comments based on the SIAC review;

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2013, District staff presented their recommendation to approve the DSST VII HIGH SCHOOL application to the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2013, after giving reasonable public notice, the Board of Education held a public hearing in which the Applicant and other interested parties could provide information regarding the application; and

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the application submitted by DSST VII HIGH SCHOOL, the information provided by the Applicant in requested submissions and the applicant interview, SIAC’s Recommendations & Comments, the District staff recommendations, and comments made at public hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The charter school application for DSST VII HIGH SCHOOL is approved with conditions, and such conditional approval is in the best interest of the pupils, the District, and community. The application is approved for negotiation of a charter contract for one School serving grades 9-12, opening in fall 2018, contingent upon satisfactory achievement, in the sole discretion of the District, of the following conditions:

A. Continued Performance & Compliance with Regulations:
   Prior to opening in 2018, the District will re-evaluate DSST’s network level high school performance.
   i. Should DSST continue to consistently meet or exceed expectations on the District’s School Performance Framework, upon reasonable notice
by the District, the School shall submit updated sections of the application to address any substantive regulatory or statutory changes regarding charter school programs and services in Denver and such updates shall be satisfactory to the District.

ii. Should DSST not continue to consistently meet or exceed expectations on the District's School Performance Framework, upon reasonable notice by the District, the School shall submit updated sections of the application to address any substantive regulatory or statutory changes regarding charter school programs and services in Denver and such updates shall be satisfactory to the District.

B. Enrollment:

   i. The School and the District shall jointly agree on a regional and neighborhood location for the School; and

   ii. The School will expect to serve a geographic preference and participate in and support the District’s efforts around enrollment equity; and

   iii. By the end of the first round of unified SchoolChoice on or about February 28, 2018 the School shall have and maintain enrollment at the greater of the following two levels: 60% of its projected enrollment or 75 funded students; and

   iv. By May 15, 2018, the School shall have and maintain enrollment at the greater of the following two levels: 80% of its projected enrollment or 100 funded students; and

C. Facility:

   i. The District will collaborate with the School to secure a facility under the District’s Facility Use Agreement; and

   ii. Shared campus condition – If located in a District facility, the School shall be subject to the District’s standard Shared Campuses Policy FN; and

D. Governance:

   i. In the year prior to opening, the School shall meet all required budget and governance submission deadlines which shall be provided to the School in the form of a draft contract document; and

   ii. Upon reasonable notice by the District, the School shall submit updated sections of the application to address any substantive regulatory or statutory changes regarding charter school programs and services in Denver and such updates shall be satisfactory to the District; and

E. Leadership:

   i. In order to open in the fall of 2018, the School agrees to have and maintain a full-time founding school leader/principal during the nine months preceding the School’s opening. Ensuring a school leader in place during the School’s pre-opening year is critical to the successful start-up of the School.

Failure to satisfy any of the above conditions, which are material to the approval of the charter, constitutes grounds for revocation of the conditional approval because the conditions are necessary for the School to be in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community.
The Applicant and District staff shall develop and submit to the Board of Education for approval a charter contract consistent with the application, the foregoing conditions and state and federal law.

The Denver Public Schools 2013 Call for New Quality Schools Proposal and all of the reports and recommendations referenced above, including but not limited to District Staff Recommendations, SIAC Recommendations & Comments, and analysis from the ART, are hereby incorporated into this Resolution and made part of the official record.

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Mary Seawell, President     Andrea Merida, Secretary