WHEREAS, the Board of Education of School District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado ("Board of Education"), has adopted the Denver Plan 2020 to ensure at least 80% of Denver students will attend a high-performing school by 2020;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to respond to the strategic needs identified by the Denver Public Schools ("the District"), in collaboration with students, parents/guardians, and community members, to continue high-performing school options and launch new high-quality schools;

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2014, the Board of Education approved Southwest Denver Community School, now called Compass Academy, Where Learners and Leaders Grow ("Compass"), as a new charter school, following a quality review by the District and the gathering of community input, including public comment, for which reasonable notice was provided;

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2014, the Board of Education executed a contract with the School;

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2014, the Board of Education approved the temporary placement of Compass at the Kepner facility for up to three years, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, in which Compass is offering 6th grade in the 2015-2016 school year, and in which it will offer 6th and 7th grades in the 2016-2017 school year, and in which it will offer grades 6-8 in the 2017-2018 school year, dependent on other long term facility options, and contingent upon satisfactory achievement, in the sole discretion of the District, and of the conditions outlined in Resolution #3584;
WHEREAS, in February 2015, the Board of Education passed the Facility Allocation Policy (Policy AG), which establishes criteria to govern facility use decisions in the District;

WHEREAS, in May 2015, the District issued a Supplement to the 2015 Call for New Quality Schools in which it requested placement applications from providers seeking to serve as a high quality middle school SchoolChoice option for the West Enrollment Zone at Abraham Lincoln facility;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2015, the District received a placement application for DSST Middle School VII and for Compass, in which each sought to serve as the high quality middle school SchoolChoice option for the West Enrollment Zone and to be placed at Abraham Lincoln facility, beginning in Fall 2016;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education affirms and supports DSST’s stated intention in their Lincoln placement application to launch their first Native Language Instruction program;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes middle school students in the West Enrollment Zone should have access to a DSST school;

WHEREAS, from May through September 2015, the District convened a Thought Partner Group to provide feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of the placement applicants, including Compass;

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015, the Thought Partner Group presented its findings to the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, between July and September 2015, a Placement Review Team convened to review the quality of placement applications and provided a body of evidence to inform a placement recommendation to the Board of Education in alignment with the criteria of Policy AG;

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2015, the District hosted a community meeting to gain community feedback on placement applicants including Compass;

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2015, the District staff presented evidence to the Board of Education related to the placement of applicants including an alternate scenario in which Compass was recommended for placement at Abraham Lincoln facility based on a body of evidence including the unique strength of Compass’ approved program to serve English Language Learners through Native Language Instruction and a commitment to pursue the seal of bi-literacy for its students;
WHEREAS, on October 12, 2015, after giving public notice, the Board of Education held a public hearing in which the Applicants and other interested parties could provide information regarding the alternate recommendation to place Compass at Abraham Lincoln facility, beginning in fall 2016.

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2015, the Board of Education engaged in public deliberation regarding placement applicants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Education hereby directs staff to negotiate a facility placement at the Abraham Lincoln facility for Compass Academy to serve the West Middle School Enrollment Zone, starting in the 2016-2017 school year, with a 6th grade and 7th grade class, and adding one additional grade in the following year so that Compass will thereafter serve grades 6-8 at Abraham Lincoln facility, contingent upon the following conditions related to its placement at Abraham Lincoln facility:

1. Shared Campus
   i. Compass Academy shall be subject to, and comply with, the District’s standard Shared Campus Policy FN.
   ii. Compass and district staff shall engage in a process to ensure community and student voice are considered in shared campus planning for Abraham Lincoln facility.

2. Facility Use Agreement
   i. The District and Compass Academy shall amend the following language in the School’s Charter Contract: “The term and duration of the Facility Use Agreement shall run through the 2015-2016 school year,” so that it will read: “The term and duration of the Facility Use Agreement shall match the term of this Contract.”

3. Placement Application Commitments
   i. Compass Academy shall fulfill any and all commitments in its application for placement, including its demonstrated commitment to offer native language instruction for English Language Learners as detailed in Compass’ charter and placement applications.

Because these conditions are necessary for Compass’ operations to be in the best interest of the students, Board of Education, District, and community, failure to satisfy any of the above conditions, which are material to the approval of the placement, constitutes grounds for revocation of the conditional placement.
District staff is authorized to negotiate and take any reasonable action(s) necessary to facilitate said placements.

The Board further resolves that:

1. Beginning in fall 2016, DSST College View Middle School shall prioritize students from the West Enrollment Zone.

2. District staff will work with DSST to support the launch of DSST’s first Native Language Instruction program at DSST College View at Colorado Heights.

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Allegra “Happy” Haynes, President  Rosemary Rodriguez, Secretary