

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

(Regarding the HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-op
Middle and High School Renewal Application)

WHEREAS, in 2008, pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. §§ 22-30.5-101 to 120 (the "Act") and the online education programs statutes, C.R.S. §§ 22-30.7-101 to 113, the Board of Education ("Board") of Douglas County School District RE-I (the "District") authorized the HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-op as a multi-district online charter school ("School"); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the School was split into three related schools for accountability purposes, with the School's high school designated as an Alternative Education Campus with a Performance rating and the School's middle and elementary schools designated as Turnaround; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the HOPE High School received a rating of AEC Performance, HOPE Middle School received a rating of Improvement and HOPE Elementary School received a rating of Priority Improvement; and

WHEREAS, following public hearings on January 9 and February 13, 2020, held pursuant to the 2018 Procedures for State Board Accountability Actions and C.R.S. § 22-11-210(5.5) (a), the Colorado State Board of Education (the "State Board"), ordered the District Board to revoke the Elementary School's charter effective June 30, 2020, and to reform the Charter Contract accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the State Board Order dated February 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the District's Board passed a resolution revoking the School's Charter Contract applicable to authorization of HOPE Online Learning Academy Elementary ("Elementary School") and therefore Elementary School was revoked effective after the end of the 2019-20 school year; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Board's revocation of the School's Charter Contract applicable to the Elementary School, the School and the District amended School's Charter Contract with the District such that the Charter Contract terms identified that the School could serve students in grades 6 through 12 only effective July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on or before September 1, 2020, the School submitted to the District an Intent to Renew Contract Form to again 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 10, 2020 the School presented additional information to the Board regarding the Renewal Application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. That renewal of the School's charter subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution is in the best interests of the District, its students, and the community.
2. That the School's charter is hereby renewed for a two (2) year term pending satisfaction of the following conditions, as well as other conditions as may be required by law, and provided that the School has the opportunity to extend the term of its charter for an additional three (3) years, through June 30, 2026, for the reasons outlined in the charter contract.
3. 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 the District's standard terms and conditions, including, but not limited to:
 - a. a provision addressing School policies, procedures, and partnerships for maintaining school safety in School learning centers, which plan shall comply with applicable law and District policy;
 - b. a provision requiring the School to receive a rating of Improvement or Performance at all levels (middle and high school) in its framework results and to be subject to revocation in accordance with the charter contract and applicable law for failing to attain such results;
 - c. a provision requiring the School to provide annual disaggregated achievement and growth data by learning center to the Choice Programming Office;
 - d. a provision requiring the School to provide annual cohort student retention data by learning center to the Choice Programming Office;
 - e. 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;
 - f. a provision requiring that if the School earns a rating of Meets Criteria on all indicators in the following sections of the DCSD Choice Programming Site Visit Report: Educational Program, Personnel, Safety & Security, School Governance, and Operations after the successful completion of an intensive school audit

conducted by DCSD Choice Programming Office no later than May 1, 2022, then the School may request a three-year extension, through June 30, 2026, of the term of its charter and charter contract, which the Board of Education shall consider at a meeting held on or before June 30, 2022. The Board of Education's approval of the School's request shall not be unreasonably withheld; and

- g. a provision requiring that if the School does not earn a rating of Meets Criteria on all indicators in the following sections of the DCSD Choice Programming Site Visit Report: Educational Program, Personnel, Safety & Security, School Governance, and Operations after the successful completion of an intensive school audit conducted by DCSD Choice Programming no later than May 1, 2022, School shall submit a plan for improvement as applicable to any identified deficiency and shall be provided time to make improvement(s), such occurrence shall not in any way prohibit School from submitting an application for renewal prior to September 1, 2022 consistent with the District's typical renewal process applicable to all Charter Schools; and

The Board's action herein 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.

4. The Board hereby authorizes the Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, or their respective designees to negotiate and execute such contract.

Adopted this 19th day of January, 2021 by a vote of 6-0.



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