

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

**SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (“WHO”) characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, meaning the WHO identified the worldwide spread of a new disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis declared a state of emergency and issued Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020 as a safeguard against the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, Governor Jared Polis amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 003 through Executive Order D 2020 125; and

WHEREAS, under Colo. Const. art. 9, § 15, the local Board of Education has control of instruction in its public schools; and

WHEREAS, under C.R.S. § 22-2-106 (a.5) the Colorado State Board of Education has the duty to adopt a comprehensive set of guidelines for the establishment of high school graduation requirements to be used by each school district board of education in developing local high school graduation requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Board of Education has granted districts flexibility with the State of Colorado’s graduation options because of the disruption to learning caused by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Governor Polis has issued Executive Order D 2020 007, extended by Executive Orders D 2020 021 and D 2020 035, which suspended the State assessment requirements in C.R.S. § 22-7-1006.3 for the 2019-20 school year thus eliminating the data source for information requisite to support certain graduation requirements as described below; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County School District RE-1 (“District”) Board Policy IKF provides that in order for a student to graduate and receive a diploma from the District, a student must satisfy certain requirements, including: documentation of a minimum of twenty hours community service while enrolled as a high school student; and, demonstration of college and career readiness and documentation of meeting or exceeding the required level of readiness in both Mathematics and English; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that the current pandemic creates the need for suspension of these graduation requirements as identified in Board Policy IKF.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District RE-1 (the “Board”) will suspend graduation requirements stated in Board Policy IKF for the 2020-21 school year as set forth below:

1. That for the 2020-21 school year, the Board suspends the graduation requirement that the student must document a minimum of twenty hours of community service while enrolled as a high school student.
2. That for the 2020-21 school year, the Board suspends the graduation requirement that graduates demonstrate college and career readiness via one of the State’s approved menu of options methods.
3. That for the 2020-21 school year, graduates must still comply with all other graduation requirements outlined in Board Policy IKF, including academic requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the temporary suspension of these two graduation requirements contained within Board Policy IKF is effective for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Board.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein.

Adopted and approved this 4th day of August, 2020 by a vote of 7-0.

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