

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

**CONCERNING A STEM GRADE LEVEL EXPANSION TO K-12 AND CHARTER
CONTRACT AMENDMENT
BETWEEN THE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
AND STEM SCHOOL AND ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2014, the Choice Programming Office received a grade level expansion application from STEM School and Academy (“STEM”) to add a 5th grade in SY 2015-16 and grades K-4 in SY 2016-17; and

WHEREAS, DCSD staff has reviewed the expansion application and attachments, including projected budget information, which have been found to comply with DCSD charter expansion criteria; and

WHEREAS, STEM has submitted adequate evidence of demand by parents for the elementary grade expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the demand for and the value of choice school offerings in DCSD and the Board fully supports choice that emphasizes the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and

WHEREAS, STEM has undertaken a Location and Extent (L&E) process with the Douglas County Planning Department, and the Department recommended certain ongoing requirements in connection with the expansion, primarily around traffic management; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Planning Department's recommendations notwithstanding, the Douglas County Planning Commission requested that the Board hold a public hearing on this date pursuant to C.R.S. Section 22-32-124 (1.5) (a) on STEM's request; however, due to weather conditions, the public hearing could not take place as scheduled;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the elementary grade expansion application submitted by STEM is approved, such that STEM will serve grades K-12 beginning in SY 2016-17, subject to and pending satisfaction of the following conditions, as well as all other terms and conditions as may be required by law:

1. On or before December 15, 2015, STEM shall submit enrollment information to the Choice Programming Office that sets forth the projected number of students to be enrolled as of SY 2016-17, including the schools currently attended by said elementary grade students;

2. On or before December 31, 2015, STEM shall submit to DCSD a written plan for supplying staff to provide services to all students with special needs in grades K-12, which plan will be approved by District staff no later than January 31, 2016.
3. No later than March 1, 2016, STEM shall appear at a public hearing called by the Board to formally present its expansion plan that was presented to the Douglas County Planning Commission, including, but not limited to, its traffic management plan.
4. On or before February 29, 2016, STEM shall submit to the Choice Programming Office a Certificate of Occupancy for the additional property acquired by STEM to accommodate the additional elementary students for SY 2016-17;
5. On or before March 15, 2016, the STEM Board shall submit to DCSD a detailed budget incorporating the impact of the expansion for fiscal year 2016-2017, as well as budget forecasts for fiscal years 2016-2019 to be reviewed and approved by the District's Chief Financial Officer. This budget narrative shall include, but is not limited to, a comprehensive explanation of per pupil revenue and expenditures, including costs associated with staffing, materials, supplies and other costs associated with the expansion;
6. On or before May 1, 2016, the STEM Board shall adopt K-5 curricula and assessments and shall submit to the Choice Programming Office a proposed curriculum that aligns to DCSD content standards;
7. On or before June 1, 2016, the STEM Board shall develop and submit pupil performance standards that align to state and DCSD required assessments;
8. The STEM Board will formally memorialize an ongoing commitment to continue the management practices outlined in the Traffic Management Plan submitted to the County, based upon a maximum student capacity of 1,850 students in grades K – 12, to include the following:
 - a. Staggered start and release times
 - b. Two separate pick-up and drop-off areas
 - c. Adequate staffing for AM and PM traffic control
 - d. Ongoing communication and enforcement of all TMP requirements with parents and students
 - e. Permanent access permits for the five STEM access points shall be obtained by December 31, 2015.
 - f. As a condition of permit issuance, an annual review of the updated Traffic Management Plan will be required prior to the start of each new school year, to involve County staff, as well as representatives from STEM and the Douglas County School District as needed. Pick-up and drop-off

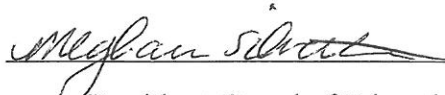
management techniques will be evaluated for effectiveness, along with changes in parking demand and proposed mitigation to address parking constraints as needed.

9. As recommended by the Douglas County Planning staff, STEM shall meet directly with the two business neighbors that attended the Planning Commission hearing to directly discuss their concerns regarding the STEM expansion plans. Such meeting shall occur prior to the public hearing referenced in paragraph 3 above, at which time STEM shall report to the Board of Education their mitigation strategies and solutions intended to address the business neighbors' concerns.


Unless otherwise stated above or subsequently agreed by the Board, in the event all of the conditions in Paragraphs 1 through above have not been satisfied by the dates indicated, this expansion approval will be withdrawn will be deemed denied as of the date set forth below. In no event shall failure of any condition or withdrawal of this expansion approval be construed as a revocation of the STEM charter school contract.

Approved this 15th day of December, 2015, by a vote of 4-3.

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By: 
President, Board of Education

Attest:

By: 
Secretary, Board of Education