

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
REGARDING COMMON CORE STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, Colorado is a local control state, where local school boards are constitutionally granted broad discretion in setting curriculum and standards for their students; and

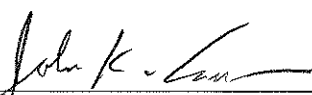
WHEREAS, Douglas County School District has used that broad local control to pursue world-class education innovations and the most rigorous academic standards anywhere -- innovations and standards that will prepare our students for the demands of the 21st century workplace and global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Core Standards, while reasonable and appropriate for many school districts to emulate, are not reasonable or appropriate in Douglas County because our District's standards are more rigorous, more thorough, and more directly tailored to the unique needs of our students, as they prepare for positions of leadership in the 21st century workforce and global economy; and,

WHEREAS, the District's leadership team has reviewed the Common Core Standards, and determined that they do not meet the expectations this District has for all of our students, and, for more than a year has been working in collaboration with teachers across the District to develop a more rigorous and thorough curriculum, the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC's) that will best prepare our students for the college or career of their choice in the 21st century;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County School District Board of Education hereby expresses its general opposition to a one-size-fits-all application of the Common Core Standards, because local school districts should retain broad latitude in establishing customized, rigorous and high standards and guidelines for the maximum educational attainment of all students in their specific communities. More particularly, the Douglas County School Board expresses its opposition to the uniform imposition of Common Core Standards in the specific case of Douglas County, because the Douglas County School District's standards are more rigorous, more demanding, more thorough, and reflect higher expectations and aspirations for our students than any national standard now in existence, including the Common Core Standards. In Douglas County, our taxpayers, parents, teachers and students expect the very highest and rigorous standards -- as embodied in our Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum -- that will allow our students to learn today and lead tomorrow. The Douglas County Board of Education is resolved and committed to meet or exceed those expectations, at every turn, for every student, in every school.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 2013, by a vote of 6-0



President, Board of Education

ATTEST: 