

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

WHEREAS, for the past five years the funding of K-12 education has been burdened with a negative factor, resulting in proportional across-the-board cuts to programs to all school districts; and

WHEREAS, when these reductions in spending were necessitated, each school district was given latitude to make the decisions on program priorities that were uniquely tailored to its students' needs, and we therefore believe that each school district should be given the same latitude in determining the priorities in restoring or funding programs as revenues are increased, a concept completely in concert with the principle of local control; and

WHEREAS, the recent defeat of Amendment 66, which would have funded the proposed legislation SB13-213, was due in some great part to redirected priorities in funding that would have favored students in some districts at the expense of students in others; and

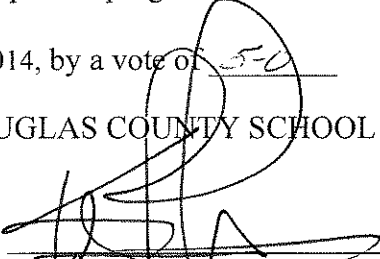
WHEREAS, while many specific endeavors that alternative spending proposals would earmark are admirable, those program needs can be addressed by allowing all districts to proportionally recover their funding statutorily prescribed under the 1994 School Finance Act; and

WHEREAS, the majority of superintendents have already taken the position that restorative funding of K-12 education should be first directed at the reduction and elimination of the negative factor;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Board of Education supports and joins the position of numerous superintendents who have stated that any new resources for K-12 education funding should be directed first at reducing and ultimately eliminating the negative factor before designating funding toward specific programs.

Approved this 4th day of February 2014, by a vote of 5-0

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By: 
Kevin P. Larsen, President
Board of Education

Attest:

By: 
Secretary, Board of Education