

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

Whereas Douglas County School District RE-1 (the School District) is requesting a waiver from C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1), which presently requires the School District to accept any charter applications for the “next year” between August 15th and October 1st (the fall cycle); and

Whereas the School District previously obtained a waiver from the Colorado State Board of Education, moving its cycle to the Spring of the year prior to the school’s opening; and

Whereas the School District has determined that this amount of time is insufficient for its staff and charter applicants to adequately prepare in every instance for the opening of a charter school;

Whereas the School District shall submit a valid waiver application that complies with the publication requirements of C.R.S. § 22-2-117, and requests that the School District be permitted to require charter applicants to submit letters of intent by August 15, two years prior to intended opening; and

Whereas the granting of this waiver is necessary to enhance educational opportunity and quality within the School District because the present application submission timeline—despite the presently existing waiver—does not provide charter schools with sufficient time to most-effectively open a quality school; and

Whereas the School District is a pro-charter authorizer that has 16 operating and 4 approved but yet to open charter schools currently in its portfolio, and holds charter schools accountable through a transparent and rigorous process that uses academic, financial, and operational performance data, and welcomes high-quality charter applications; and

Whereas the granting of this waiver is necessary to reduce costs to the School District, thereby increasing educational opportunities within the District; and

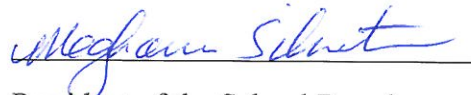
Whereas the School District shall comply with the intent of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1) by providing notice of the Two-Year, Fall Application Cycle to all potential applicants and shall be held accountable to the Colorado State Board of Education by providing notice of its Two-Year, Fall Application Cycle and all relevant deadlines; and

Whereas the School District shall comply with all notice requirements of C.R.S. § 22-2-117(2) by posting notice in the News Press for four weeks and three public places setting forth a description of the waiver request and the time and location of a subsequent meeting and public hearing, on the waiver request; and

Whereas new applicants will be aware of the proposed timelines because the School District will publicize the waiver request and given notice to the Colorado Department of Education.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the application for an additional waiver of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1) is hereby approved for submission to the Colorado State Board of Education in accordance with the notification requirements of C.R.S. § 22-2-117.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this February 21, 2017



President of the School Board

Ms. Meghann Silverthorn

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ATTEST:



Secretary of the School Board

Ms. Nona Eichelberger

Douglas County School Board