

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

(Regarding Charter Schools Requests for Waivers from District Policies)

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-504, the Board of Education (“Board”) of Douglas County School District RE-1 (the “District”) is a local board of education with exclusive chartering authority to authorize charter schools within its geographic boundaries in accordance with the Colorado Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. §§ 22-30.5-101 to 120 (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Charter Schools Act, C.R.S. § 22-30.5-104(6)(a) provides that a charter school may operate free from specified school district policies pursuant to its charter contract with a district; and

WHEREAS, since the spring of 2018, District staff has worked with District authorized charter school leaders to develop a new request process applicable to charter school requests for waivers of District policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised by District staff of the development of the process applicable to charter school requests for waivers of District policies on multiple occasions, including during Board Meetings held on August 7, 2018, December 14, 2021, and March 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2023, the Board approved Board File Policy LBD-R-3, Charter School Waivers of District Policy; and

WHEREAS, Board File Policy LBD-R-3 sets forth the process for charter schools to request waivers of District policies and the requirements applicable to four (4) categories of waiver requests, including requests for “automatic” and “non-automatic” waiver requests of District policies; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2023, consistent with the process set forth in LBD-R-3, the Board also approved LBD-R-3-E, a chart designating each District policy in one of the following categories: non-waivable; automatic; non-automatic; and, non-applicable; and

WHEREAS, Aspen View Academy, Ben Franklin Academy, Challenge to Excellence Charter School, DCS Montessori Charter School, Global Village Academy, HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-op, North Star Academy, Parker Core Knowledge Charter School, Parker Performing Arts School, Platte River Academy, Renaissance Secondary School, SkyView Academy, STEM School Highlands Ranch, and World Compass Academy (collectively referred to herein as “District Charter Schools Requesting Waivers of District Policies”) are authorized

charter schools of the District that operate in accordance with the District’s policies unless such policies are waived pursuant to the charter contract between the Board and the Charter School (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the policy waiver provisions of the Contract and Board File Policy LBD-R-3, the District Charter Schools Requesting Waivers of District Policies have each submitted waiver requests of District policies as identified in Attachments A - N (the “Waiver Requests”); and

WHEREAS, the District Charter Schools Requesting Waivers of District Policies have complied with the requirements of Board File Policy LBD-R-3 and have submitted requests for waivers of certain District policies as “automatic” waivers, submitting documentation of a replacement plan, process, or charter school policy sufficiently addressing the purposes of the District’s policies for which waivers are sought acceptable to the Choice Programming Office; and

WHEREAS, the District Charter Schools Requesting Waivers of District Policies have also requested waivers of certain District policies designated as “non-automatic” and have submitted a Rationale and Replacement Plan (RRP) identifying the basis or requesting the waivers and the manner in which the charter school will meet the intent of the waived policy, and a process through which the charter school will evaluate the outcomes; and

WHEREAS, District staff recommend the Board approve the Waiver Requests submitted by the District Charter Schools Requesting Waivers of District Policies identified in Attachments A – N finding that:

- the “automatic” waivers requested are supported with documentation of a replacement plan, process, or charter school policy which sufficiently addresses the purposes of the District’s policies for which waivers are sought;
- the “non-automatic” waivers requested are supported by Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) which identify the basis for requesting the waivers, the manner in which the charter school will meet the intent of the waived policies, and a process through which the charter school will evaluate the outcomes.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Waiver Requests, documentation in support of the Waiver Requests, including RRP, and the recommendation of District staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to grant the Waiver Requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District RE-1 as follows:

1. That the waivers requested by Aspen View Academy identified in Attachment A are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

2. That the waivers requested by Ben Franklin Academy identified in Attachment B are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

3. That the waivers requested by Challenge to Excellence Charter School identified in Attachment C are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

4. That the waivers requested by DCS Montessori Charter School identified in Attachment D are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

5. That the waivers requested by Global Village Academy identified in Attachment E are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

6. That the waivers requested by HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-op identified in Attachment F are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

7. That the waivers requested by North Star Academy identified in Attachment G are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

8. That the waivers requested by Parker Core Knowledge Charter School identified in Attachment H are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

9. That the waivers requested by Parker Performing Arts School identified in Attachment I are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

10. That the waivers requested by Platte River Academy identified in Attachment J are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

11. That the waivers requested by Renaissance Secondary School identified in Attachment K are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

12. That the waivers requested by SkyView Academy identified in Attachment L are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

13. That the waivers requested by STEM School Highlands Ranch identified in Attachment M are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

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14. That the waivers requested by World Compass Academy identified in Attachment N are hereby granted and the related Rationale and Replacement Plans (RRPs) are hereby approved.

15. That further revisions to the Rationale and Replacement Plans approved herein shall be subject to Board approval in accordance with the then existing policy waiver provisions of the Contract.

APPROVED this 20th day of June, 2023 by a vote of ____.

AYES:

NAYS:

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

By: Michael Peterson

President, Board of Education

Attest:

By: Becky Myers

Secretary, Board of Education