

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
(Denying the Renaissance Charter School Application)**

WHEREAS, a charter school application was submitted to open a new Renaissance charter school serving students in grades PK–5 (hereinafter referred to as “School” or “Renaissance”); and

WHEREAS, on or about April 1, 2025, an application (the “Application”) was submitted to the Douglas County School District RE-1 (“District”) requesting authorization from the District’s Board of Education (“Board”) to open a Renaissance charter school serving students in PK-5 with Expeditionary Learning and Project-Based Learning as the charter school’s guiding pedagogies; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Charter Application Review Team (the “CART”) and District staff have reviewed the Application; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has recommended to the Board that the Board deny the Application for the reasons set forth in their written recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered Renaissance’s Application, District Policy, the Act, submissions from the public, information from CART, and the written recommendation from District staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that denial of the Application is in the best interests of the District, its students and parents, and the community, and that the Application is hereby denied for the following reasons:

1. Renaissance did not provide evidence that an adequate number of parents and pupils support the formation of the School.
 - a. At the time of the Capacity Interview, Renaissance provided 239 letters of intent which is insufficient to support the formation of a PK-5 charter school which is economically sound and able to provide the educational program proposed by the charter school.
 - b. Renaissance’s assumption that the waitlist of the Renaissance Elementary Magnet School, a Douglas County School District Magnet School, will transfer to enrollments at the new Renaissance PK-5 charter school is not warranted.
 - c. The demographic evidence provided by Renaissance in the Application does not align with the demographic reports secured by the District. Further, the Applicant’s recognition of residential and population growth in the community targeted for the location of the PK-5 charter school does not viably support enrollment in the proposed PK-5 charter school.

2. Renaissance did not provide evidence that the plan for the PK-5 charter school is economically sound.

- a. As noted, Renaissance has not demonstrated that it can meet its enrollment targets, meaning the projected enrollment is not fiscally sustainable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District would welcome an application in the future when there is adequate interest, and a demonstration of demand for the PK-5 charter school with Expeditionary Learning and Project-Based Learning as the guiding pedagogies has been established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Colorado Department of Education within fifteen (15) days of its adoption date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2025.

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By _____
Christy Williams, President

Attest:

By _____
Becky Myers, Secretary