

DCSD and RMSEL

(Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning)

Board Study Session: 6-7-22

RMSEL

- Independent school formed as a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) ([Link to RMSEL BOCES](#))
- Founded in 1993 as a Expeditionary Learning Program for K-12 students
- Partnership with Cherry Creek, DCSD, Aurora Public, Littleton, and Denver Public has been in place for some time
- No financial commitment
- Very small number of DCSD students are presently enrolled

RMSEL – BOCES and IGA

- RMSEL operates under BOCES Constitution and ByLaws and an IGA
- Present IGA (for 5 year term) expires at end of current 2021-22 school year
- Collaborative efforts undertaken to review and revise present IGA
- Efforts resulted in revised IGA (for 5 year term) to be considered by member districts in June

Revised Terms in Proposed New IGA

- Commitment that if member district elects to withdraw, currently enrolled students may remain enrolled through graduation
- RMSEL must provide and maintain adequate insurance necessary, limit liability and indemnify member districts
- RMSEL to cover cost of fee waivers for qualifying students
- RMSEL to annually undertake review of policies
- RMSEL to implement programs for GT and ELL students
- RMSEL to create and implement Unified Improvement Plan tailored to its student population

Staff Recommendation

Based on the current revisions to the IGA, staff recommends:

- Approval of the IGA as revised
- Consideration that staff will come to the Board to address potential withdrawal from the IGA effective at end of school year 2023-24
 - If the Board acts to withdraw, decision must be made before November 1, 2022
- With the consideration of withdrawal, DCSD will develop a plan for communication with RMSEL, member districts, and impacted families
- We want to minimize impact to RMSEL