

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL**

**DISTRICT RE-1 RESOLUTION CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPERTISE ON
HOME RULE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners has initiated a process to transition the county to a Home Rule Charter form of governance, which includes the election of a 21-member Charter Commission tasked with drafting the charter; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Home Rule Charter will serve as the foundational governing document for the county, defining the structure, powers, and limitations of county government—including provisions that may affect public education systems through changes to administrative organization, elections, budget processes, land use, public safety, and health mandates; and

WHEREAS, decisions made by the Charter Commission may have significant implications for the governance and operation of public education within the county, including intergovernmental collaboration and the alignment of public services in support of student and community needs; and

WHEREAS, home rule charters commonly include provisions related to electoral systems, redistricting, public finance, bonding authority, land use, and intergovernmental agreements—areas that directly intersect with the operations, facilities, and governance of public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the legitimacy and long-term viability of a Home Rule Charter depend on inclusive public engagement, transparent governance, and broad-based trust—principles which Board Member Susan Meek has consistently advanced through her leadership in public education and extensive community collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Susan Meek has served as an elected member of the Douglas County School District Board of Education since November 2019, providing over five years of governance experience in a complex, high-profile public institution; and

WHEREAS, Susan Meek is a credentialed Governance Systems Professional, recognized for her expertise in institutional structure, effective decision-making processes, accountability systems, and long-range policy development—skills directly applicable to the work of drafting a thoughtful, flexible, and community-centered Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of a public education leader on the Charter Commission will provide important perspective on how county governance decisions impact students, schools, and families, while reinforcing the collaborative spirit needed for successful local governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Douglas County School District RE-1 Board of Education formally supports the candidacy of School Board Member Susan Meek for election to the Douglas County Home Rule Charter Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages all eligible voters to participate in the upcoming election and to consider the importance of including public education expertise and community-based leadership in the formation of the county's Home Rule Charter.