

Appendix F – Board of Education Resolution

ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 50 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education is committed to leading the nation's cities in student achievement, high school graduation, college preparation, and college matriculation; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education believes that we must develop new, innovative approaches to teaching and learning in our existing and future schools by offering incentives, giving schools more autonomy over the critical areas of personnel, use of time, expanding choices, and building the capacity for innovation, and holding schools accountable for improving student achievement; and

WHEREAS The Innovation Schools Act provides a critical means for schools and the District to accelerate our direction toward its goals; and

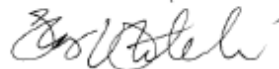
WHEREAS the Board of Education has considered the Innovation Plan for the Colorado STEM Academy (CSA) and found that it meets all expectations of the Innovation Schools Act, including that it is fiscally feasible and that it will not result in lower student performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board of Education approves the Innovation Plan submitted by the Colorado STEM Academy (CSA) and submits it to the Colorado Board of Education under the Innovation Schools Act.
2. The District shall hold the Colorado STEM Academy (CSA) accountable on an annual basis for progress toward the goals in its Innovation Plan and their Unified Improvement Plan using the Adams County School District 50 School Performance Framework and report that progress to the Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education.
3. The Chief Education Officer will be responsible for the continued review and accountability of all instructional elements of the plan, including any academic waivers from the District's curricular policies.
4. The District 50 Board of Education has the authority to reverse the Superintendent's denial of an Innovation School's autonomy request, including requests for any waivers from the District's curricular policies, if it is determined that District 50 is not respecting a school's approved Innovation Plan or is not adhering to the spirit of the Innovation Schools Act or the approved District 50 Board of Education Innovation Policy. The Innovation Plan of the Colorado STEM Academy (CSA), and any attachments and testimony provided thereto, is hereby incorporated, and shall be maintained, as part of this Resolution.
5. The District 50 Board of Education requests to be designated as a "District of Innovation" by the Colorado Board of Education under the Innovation Schools Act.



Dr. Marilyn Flachman, President



Sharon Whitehair, Vice President

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