

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,
STATE OF COLORADO
RESOLUTION No. 3723**

Kepner Beacon Middle School Innovation Status

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (1)(e) strongly encourages each school District Board of Education “to delegate to each public school a high degree of autonomy... thereby empowering each public school to tailor its services most effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of the population of students it serves”;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(g) requires public schools that receive greater autonomy under this article be held accountable for student academic achievement;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(e) encourages innovation in education by providing local school communities and principals with greater control over levels of staffing, personnel selection and evaluation, scheduling, and educational programming with the goal of achieving improved student achievement;

WHEREAS, in February 2014, Denver Public Schools issued a supplement to the 2014 Call for New Quality Schools requesting applications to address persistent underperformance at Kepner Middle School;

WHEREAS, the District convened a Thought Partner Group to develop a set of desired characteristics for new programs on the Kepner campus and provided specific feedback on each applicant for placement at the Kepner facility;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2014, the DPS Board of Education approved Resolution No. 3541 to establish a new District-run school for placement at the Kepner facility;

WHEREAS, administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and the school accountability committee developed a plan to apply for innovation status in order to fully and purposefully implement the school design and ensure quality outcomes for students;

WHEREAS, the school’s Innovation Plan received overwhelming support from administrators, teachers and parents, as evidenced by appropriate votes showing majority support of the administration, majority approval from the Collaborative School Committee (CSC), and support from at least 60% of teachers, upon being fully staffed before the start of the academic school year;

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2016, District staff provided their recommendation to approve the Innovation Plan of Kepner Beacon Middle School, having completed a review of the plan both for completeness of the plan and quality of the school design;

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the Innovation Plan

submitted by Kepner Beacon Middle School, the presentation and all additional information provided by Kepner Beacon Middle School, the District staff recommendations, and the information received from the public.

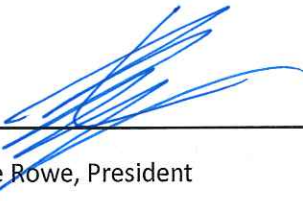
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Innovation Plan for Kepner Beacon Middle School is in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community.


The Innovation Plan for Kepner Beacon Middle School shall be approved for a three-year period from the date of this resolution.

To the extent that a waiver of a specific Board of Education Policy is not included in the Innovation Plan, that Policy will apply to the Innovation School.

This Board submits the Innovation Plan for Kepner Beacon Middle School to the Commissioner of the Colorado Board of Education and recommends approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to C.R.S. 22-32.5-107.



Anne Rowe, President



Allegra "Happy" Haynes, Secretary