

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,  
STATE OF COLORADO  
RESOLUTION No. 3722**

**McAuliffe Manual 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, on December 18, 2014, Denver Public Schools released the 2015 Call for New Quality Schools, describing as a priority need a new middle school to serve as a dedicated feeder to Manual High School;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2015, the Board of Education approved a motion to authorize the DPS Superintendent to hire a school leader for the Manual feeder middle school;

WHEREAS, in December 2015, a district-facilitated Applicant Review Team (“ART”) reviewed the school’s draft Innovation plan according to the School Quality Framework (SQF), including the following domains: school culture, education program (including ELA program), teaching, leadership, and finance;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2015 the Denver Public Schools Board of Education approved a motion to place McAuliffe Manual Middle School at the Smiley Campus for the 2016-17 school year and a permanent placement at the Manual High School campus for 2017 and beyond;

WHEREAS, the principal for McAuliffe Manual Middle School and members of the administrative team, in collaboration with the CSC, parents, teachers, and community partners prepared an Innovation Plan;

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 McAuliffe Manual 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 McAuliffe Manual Middle School, the presentation and all additional information provided by McAuliffe Manual Middle School, the District staff recommendations, and the information received from the public.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

The Innovation Plan for McAuliffe Manual 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 McAuliffe Manual 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.



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Anne Rowe, President



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Allegra "Happy" Haynes, Secretary