

**JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1**

**RESOLUTION**

**(Approving Free Horizon Montessori Innovation Plan)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of Jefferson County School District No. R-1 (the “District”) is committed to offering a variety of different school models for its diverse student population, and recently adopted a new vision for its schools, which includes a commitment to an entrepreneurial spirit and a willingness to innovate and adapt; and

WHEREAS, the Innovation Schools Act of 2008, C.R.S. §§ 22-32.5-101 to -111 (the “Act”) provides a legal means for the District and its schools to achieve this commitment in accordance with Colorado law; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to approve an innovation plan that satisfies the requirements of, and is submitted in accordance with, the Act; and

WHEREAS, Free Horizon Montessori (the “School”) is a District charter school providing a Montessori education to District students in grades PK-8 pursuant to a charter contract between the District and the School; and

WHEREAS, the School and the District recently have engaged in discussions about converting the School from a District charter school to a District option school with innovation status; and

WHEREAS, the School and the District now desire to formally request innovation status from the State Board of Education (“State Board”); and

WHEREAS, the School has submitted an innovation plan to the Board that meets the requirements of the Act and evidences the requisite staff, student, parent, and community support for the plan (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has also been presented with a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) containing terms and conditions acceptable to the School and the District for seeking innovation status for the School; and

WHEREAS, the Board has thoroughly considered the Plan, and concludes that it (1) meets the requirements of the Act, (2) is likely to enhance educational opportunity, standards, and quality within the School, and (3) is fiscally feasible, and

WHEREAS, the Board also has thoroughly considered the MOU and is willing to support the School’s conversion to an option school with innovation status in accordance with the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education as follows:

1. That, pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-32.5-104, the Board hereby approves the Plan and the MOU.
2. That, in accordance with C.R.S. § 22-32.5-107, the Board submits the Plan to the Commissioner of Education and recommends approval of the Plan by the State Board.
3. That the Board President, the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee (the "Authorized Parties") are authorized to execute the MOU in substantially the form and with substantially the content presented at this meeting, for and on behalf of the District, but with such changes therein as the District's counsel and the President or Superintendent shall approve. The Authorized Parties are further authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Board any and all additional certificates, documents, and other papers and to perform all other acts that they may deem necessary or appropriate to implement and carry out the MOU.

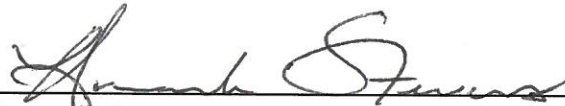
Approved and adopted this 3rd day of May, 2018.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ron Mitchell  
President, Board of Education

Attest:

  
Amanda Stevens  
Secretary, Board of Education