



March 18, 2009

William Windler
Colorado Department of Education
Communications Office
201 East Colfax Ave., Room 103
Denver, CO 80203

Re: *Denver Public Schools Board of Education
Resolutions Regarding Innovation Schools Applications for
Manual High School and Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment*

Dear Mr. Windler:

This letter shall confirm that on March 16, 2009, the Denver Public Schools Board of Education voted on and approved the following two motions:

Resolution Regarding Innovation School Application for Manual High School.

Resolution Regarding Innovation School Application for Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment.

Please find attached the Resolutions which were approved by the Board of Education. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Kechriotis".

John H. Kechriotis
General Counsel

cc: Theresa Peña, President Board of Education
Thomas Boasberg, Superintendent
Brad Jupp, Senior Academic Policy Advisor

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 3144

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 is committed to improving the quality and effectiveness of each of its schools; 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, 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 school district to accelerate our direction toward its goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered Innovation Plan for Manual High School 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 Manual High School and submits it to the Colorado Board of Education under the Innovation Schools Act.
2. The District shall hold Manual accountable on an annual basis for progress toward the goals in its Innovation Plan and their School Improvement Plan using the Denver Public School's School Performance Framework and report that progress to the Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education.
3. Should there be a change in principal at Manual, the District will discuss with the future principal at Manual whether and how to more fully align the school's instructional program with that of the district.
4. The Board of Education will expect all requests by a school or schools for waivers of any collective bargaining agreement to be made in accordance with the Innovation Schools Act.
5. The Board of Education requests to be designated as a "District of Innovation" by the Colorado Board of Education under the Innovation Schools Act.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered Innovation Plan for Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment 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 Montclair School of Academics and Enrichment and submits it to the Colorado Board of Education under the Innovation Schools Act.
2. The District shall hold Montclair accountable on an annual basis for progress toward the goals in its Innovation Plan and their School Improvement Plan using the Denver Public School's School Performance Framework and report that progress to the Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education.
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