

January 6, 2012

Board of Education Denver Public Schools 900 Grant Street Denver, CO 80202

## Dear Board of Education:

This letter is sent on behalf of the West Generation School Advisory Committee (WGA), we enthusiastically support West Generation Academy proposal to be classified as an innovation school. The committee is strongly in favor of the proposal and would respectfully request that the Board of Education approve the request.

The Committee is comprisal of volunteer of Parents, Alumni, School Representatives, Students, Community members, and Business Representatives that have met to review and provide insight and comments on the proposal and plan for WGA. The Committee does not have any formal requirements for membership.

The innovation status will have greater flexibility to implement programs and policies that allow for a world class education of all students'. For example, the Committee fully supports the plan to have a longer school day and an extended school year calendar that allows for significantly more teacher-student contact days. We fervently believe that WGA will be a draw to parents seeking a refreshing balance of innovative change, more educational options and the opportunity to stay in within a student's neighborhood school.

In conclusion, as Committee members, we ask that the Board of Education, after due consideration, approve the request for West Generation Academy to be classified as an innovation school.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration and for your dedication to our schools and our children.

Sincerely,

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