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A RESOLUTION:

CONCERNING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- WHEREAS,** the Colorado State Board of Education is charged with improving student achievement, and
- WHEREAS,** students themselves have a significant self-interest in high achievement, and
- WHEREAS,** students possess unique information and perspectives regarding public education, and
- WHEREAS,** the State Board of Education values this information and these perspectives, and
- WHEREAS,** the State Board of Education seeks to engage students for their input into policy-making for the improvement of student achievement, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado State Board of Education:

- 1) Promote student engagement in policy-making dialogue about education in the Colorado Public School System, including the following objectives:
 - Establish effective communication with the Colorado High School Activities Association and local student government bodies/councils
 - Investigate the creation of an electronic forum within the CDE web site to allow for informal exchange and discussion of information between students, Board members, and CDE staff
 - Seek student input on and reaction to the State Board of Education Strategic Plan
 - Charge CDE Regional Service Teams with encouraging student engagement at the regional, BOCES, and local levels
- 2) Encourage all educational stakeholders – statewide associations, BOCES, and local district boards – to review their policies regarding student participation
- 3) Recognize the importance of and continue to solicit student input on the goals, implementation, and progress of standards-based education in the Colorado public schools through visits to local districts, schools, and communities, and attendance at local and statewide student activities.

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