



Monday, January 11, 2010  
Special Work Session  
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

1. Colorado Association of School Board Presentation (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)
2. *Dinner* (6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.)
3. Discussion of Core Beliefs, Theory of Action, District Goals, 2009 Denver Plan Draft (6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.)
4. Special Meeting
  - 4.01 Approval of Race to the Top Resolution (8:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.)

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

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, in June 2009, the Board of Education adopted its "Policy Framework for Accelerating Gains in Academic Achievement for All Students" which included its' core beliefs, theory of action, and overall performance goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, is committed to accelerating our rate of progress toward our goals in order to provide our students a strong and equal chance to succeed, recognizes the need to create a school system that places the interests of our students unequivocally first, that presumes the best of our professionals, that empowers them, and that focuses above all else on our student's performance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education has instituted the "Race to the Top" program, a competitive grant program to encourage and reward states that are implementing significant reforms. The U.S. Department of Education will make awards in two phases, with Phase 1 funding awarded in spring 2010 and Phase 2 funding awarded by September 30, 2010.

WHEREAS, the "Race to the Top" program is asking to advance reforms around four specific areas:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy;
- Building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction;
- Recruiting, developing, rewarding, and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most; and
- Turning around our lowest-achieving schools.

WHEREAS, awards in the "Race to the Top" program will go to States that are leading the way with ambitious yet achievable plans for implementing coherent, compelling, and comprehensive education reform; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools has demonstrated through its actions that it is a national leader in urban school district reform, and further that the "Race to the Top" goals are aligned with those of the Denver Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is committed to entering into a partnership and memorandum of understanding with the State of Colorado as a participating school district; and

NOW HEREBY RESOLVES that the Board of Education fully supports Colorado's Race to the Top proposal, and looks forward to its partnerships with the State of Colorado, the Colorado Department of Education, our teachers, parents, community, and other school districts in the State of Colorado in the Race to the Top.

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Nate Easley, Jr.  
President

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Jeanne Kaplan  
Secretary