

November 17, 2016

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

**Resolution Regarding the Board's Commitment to Ensure that Our Schools are
Equitable and Safe Spaces for All Students**

WHEREAS, as reflected in our Shared Core Value of Equity, we celebrate our diversity and will provide the necessary resources and supports to eliminate barriers to success and foster a more equitable future for *all* of our kids; and

WHEREAS, the core mission of Denver Public Schools is to ensure that *every* child succeeds; and

WHEREAS, any resident in the state of Colorado who has attained the age of six years and is under the age of 21 years is entitled to attend public school in the school district where he or she is a resident; and

WHEREAS, under Supreme Court law, all children are entitled to a public education regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents; and

WHEREAS, public schools and school districts in Colorado are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, no otherwise qualified student, employee, applicant for employment or member of the public shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination under any district program or activity on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, these principles are set forth in our Board Policies and Regulations, AC, AC-R1, AC-R2, GBA, GBA-R1, GBA-R2, JB, JB-R1, and JB-R2; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that national events and the current political climate have caused uncertainty and anxiety for many in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in these times, we recognize that our mission is more critical than ever because we believe that education can help us bridge our differences and can help bring us together around respect and understanding rather than fear; and

November 17, 2016

WHEREAS, it is the goal and the commitment of this District to cultivate a safe and supportive learning environment for all, to embrace and value our diversity, and to act quickly to prevent and address any and all issues of discrimination and harassment in our schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Denver Public Schools Board of Education publicly affirms its dedication and commitment to all of the students and families that we serve, the employees in our District, and the members of our community. We will continue to take any and all actions authorized by law and our policies to provide equal opportunities and safe learning spaces for *all* of our students.

Anne Rowe, President

Happy Haynes, Secretary