**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT MEASURES REGARDING THE HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the <<School District>> Board of Education believes that ensuring all students have access to nutritious meals at school is essential to their ability to learn, thrive, and participate fully in their education, regardless of economic status, zip code, or learning needs; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Colorado voters approved proposition FF, establishing the Healthy School Meals for All Program and funding it by limiting state income tax deductions for individuals with annual incomes of $300,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, the Program provides healthy school meals for all students regardless of economic status, helps districts with investment in local food purchasing, and provides local food purchasing training and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, since the Program’s launch in the 2023-2024 state fiscal year, it has reduced stigma, improved student physical mental health and well-being, boosted academic success, and saved families money state-wide; and

WHEREAS, in the <<School District>>, the Healthy School Meals for All Program has delivered numerous benefits, including <<insert specific benefits of the program in the district, such as the number of students served, improvements in attendance or academic performance, etc.>>; and

WHEREAS, due to increased demand, rising food costs, and changes in federal reimbursements, the Program’s annual cost is now projected at $150 million, significantly higher than the initial estimate of $48 to $78 million; and

WHEREAS, a federal budget bill, Pub.L. 119-21, significantly reduced funding for the supplemental nutritional assistance program (SNAP) and shifted ongoing new and financial responsibilities to the state; and

WHEREAS, two legislatively referred ballot measures on the November 2025 ballot would support the Healthy School Meals for All Program and SNAP if funding allows. Proposition LL, “Retain and Spend State Revenue Exceeding the Estimate for Proposition FF,” would allow Colorado to retain tax revenue collected above the initial estimates for Proposition FF. Proposition MM, “Increase State Taxable Income to Support the Healthy School Meals for All Program,” would modify tax law to generate an additional $95 million annually for the Program and allow excess funds to be used to fill the gap in funding for the supplemental nutritional assistance program caused by recent federal reduction of funding for the program; and

WHEREAS, if Proposition MM fails, school meal reimbursements under the program will be available only for CEP-eligible schools, leaving many students in non-low-income schools ineligible; and

WHEREAS, passing both Proposition MM and Proposition LL would enable the Program to continue supporting students, educators, and districts, despite the financial and logistical challenges to its continued success; and

WHEREAS, the Board declares that Proposition LL, “Retain and Spend State Revenue Exceeding the Estimate for Proposition FF,” and Proposition MM, “Increase State Taxable Income to Support the Healthy School Meals for All Program” are matters of official concern.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the <<School District>> Board of Education officially declares its support for Proposition LL and Proposition, as these initiatives will ensure the continuation and expansion of the Healthy School Meals for All Program.

The Board authorizes the expenditure of District funds to distribute a factual summary regarding the “Allow State to Retain Revenue from Proposition FF” and “Tax Deductions and Revenue for School Meals Measure”, in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, C.R.S. 1-45-117.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS day of , 2025.

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President, on behalf of Date

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