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### **RESOLUTION: COMMITMENT TO A STRONG ACADEMIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, schools are primarily institutions of learning and shall not be diverted from this noble mission by attempting to meet every non-academic need of students, and;

WHEREAS, children are not a resource for the state; and

WHEREAS, business should not be required or pressured by incentives or disincentives to participate in career programs; and

WHEREAS, government controlled economies have historically failed and free market economies have flourished; and

WHEREAS, diplomas shall be determined at the local level;

BE IT RESOLVED that graduation shall be based on completion of study of core academics and non-academics shall be of a voluntary nature. Vocational directions shall be exclusively the free choice of individual students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colorado State Board of Education uphold the American Free Enterprise System and support a strong well-rounded academic education which offers all students the foundation to succeed in whatever post-secondary education or vocation they should choose to pursue.

Adopted December 14, 2000

