

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

**Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design (DSISD) Innovation Status**

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (1)(e) strongly encourages each school District Board of Education “to delegate to each public school a high degree of autonomy....thereby empowering each public school to tailor its services most effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of the population of students it serves”;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(g) requires public schools that receive greater autonomy under this article be held accountable for student academic achievement;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(e) encourages innovation in education by providing local school communities and principals with greater control over levels of staffing, personnel selection and evaluation, scheduling, and educational programming with the goal of achieving improved student achievement;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014 the Denver Public Schools Board of Education approved resolution 3561 authorizing district staff to design a small, competency-based high school to open in Southeast Denver in fall 2015;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014 the Denver Public Schools Board of Education approved resolution 3585 approving the placement of DSISD at the Byers campus for the 2015-16 school year;

WHEREAS, the principal and school leaders of Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design, in collaboration with the CSC, parents, teachers, and community partners prepared an innovation plan;

WHEREAS, the school’s innovation plan included evidence of a significant amount of input into developing the innovation plan including input from existing teachers, parents, and administrators. This planning included 10 public design meetings. Upon being fully staffed and enrolled, the existing teachers and parents provided input and made revisions into the innovation plan for DSISD. This work continued collaboratively throughout the summer. Teachers collectively provided input into the draft school plan via a Google Doc. The Collaborative School Committee, which included parents/guardians and teachers, also convened three meetings to study and refine the plan. Teachers studied and provide additional input into the plan during their summer orientation sessions from August 17-20;

WHEREAS, the school design was written to address the challenges that have led to persistent underperformance in this region, and is consistent with the DPS School Quality Framework, and the innovation plan included a list of certain waivers from district policies, the Denver Classroom Teachers Association collective bargaining agreement, and certain Colorado Revised Statutes necessary in order to implement the proposed school design;

WHEREAS, District staff has completed a review of Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design’s innovation plan both for completeness of the plan, as well as quality review of the school design;

WHEREAS, the school's innovation plan received overwhelming support from administrators, teachers and parents including evidence of majority support of the administration, majority approval from the CSC, and greater than 60% of teachers approved the innovation plan as evidenced by a secret ballot vote on August 24, 2015;

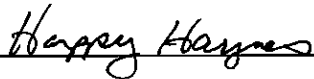
WHEREAS, on September 3, 2015, District staff presented their recommendation to approve the innovation plan of Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design to the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the innovation plan submitted by Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design, the presentation and all additional information provided by Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design, District staff recommendations, and the information received from the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Innovation Plan for Denver School of Innovation and Sustainable Design shall be approved for a three year period from the date of the prospective State Board of Education approval. This approval is in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community.

To the extent that a waiver of a specific Board of Education Policy is not included in the Innovation Plan, that Policy will apply to the Innovation School.



Allegra "Happy" Haynes, President



Rosemary Rodriguez, Secretary