

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-6J  
REGARDING STATE EDUCATION FUNDING**

WHEREAS, to ensure that every student in Colorado has the same educational opportunities regardless of where the student lives, Colorado's school finance formula since 1994 has included both a base amount of per pupil funding and an additional amount based on "factors" to account for unique local conditions and equalize total per pupil funding across school districts.

WHEREAS, the factors funded through Colorado's school finance formula address significant variables, including district size, personnel costs, cost of living and number of at-risk students in a district.

WHEREAS, for the past five years the funding of K-12 education has been burdened with a "negative factor", resulting in proportional across-the-board cuts to programs to all school districts, and

WHEREAS, without the negative factor, the School Finance Act formula would have provided The Burlington RE-6J School District with an additional \$556,424 in the 2010/2011 school year, an additional \$709,900 in the 2011/2012 school year, an additional \$910,456 in the 2012/2013 school year, an additional \$930,502 in the 2013/2014 school year, and

WHEREAS, when these reductions in spending were necessitated each school district was given latitude to make the decisions on program priorities that were uniquely tailored to its students' needs, and we therefore believe that each school district should be given the same latitude in determining the priorities in restoring or funding programs as revenues are increased, a concept completely in concert with the principle of local control.

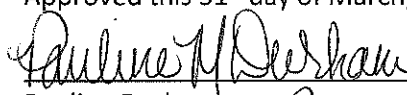
WHEREAS, even as the legislature continues to reduce school funding, the legislature has passed multiple significant reform efforts, including but not limited to: the Preschool to Postsecondary Education Alignment Act (CAP4K) – Senate Bill 08-212, the Education Accountability Act of 2009 – Senate Bill 09-163, the Educator Effectiveness Law – Senate Bill 10-191, and the Colorado READ Act – House Bill 12-1238, without adequate revenue support.

WHEREAS, these laws impose additional unfunded obligations on Burlington RE-6J School District already burdened by reduced funding due to the "negative factor", and

WHEREAS, the majority of superintendents have already taken the position that restorative funding of K-12 education should be first directed at the reduction of the negative factor,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Burlington RE-6J School Board calls upon the Colorado Legislature to make it a priority to return to sensible and constitutional system of school finance, thus allowing local control Boards of Education to use any new resources for K-12 education funding to reduce the "negative factor", before designation funding toward specific programs.

Approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014, by a vote of 6-0

 President, Board of Education  
Pauline Durham

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