

## **RESOLUTION**

### Denying a Charter to Alexandria School of Innovation

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2014, the Administration of Jefferson County School District No. R-1 received a charter school application from the Alexandria School of Innovation; and

WHEREAS, applying the Rubric for Review of a Standard Charter School Application (“Rubric”) approved by the Colorado Department of Education (“CDE”), the charter school application has been reviewed by District administrators with expertise in each of the designated Rubric categories, by the District’s Strategic Planning and Advisory Council Charter School Review Committee (also known as the Accountability Committee), and by members of the Superintendent’s Cabinet. Comments from the reviewers were provided to the Board of Education (attached hereto as Exhibits A-C); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Accountability Committee and the Board have reviewed the charter school application in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. §§ 22-30.5-107(1) & (1.5); and

WHEREAS, the Board scheduled a public meeting on October 2, 2014, in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2), at which representatives of the Alexandria School of Innovation made a presentation to and received questions from the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Schools Act requires the Board to rule by resolution on the charter school application within 90 days after its receipt; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the charter school application; additional information provided by the Alexandria School of Innovation at the public meeting and subsequent to the public meeting; the Charter Schools Act; District policies and regulations; and the comments provided by those involved in reviewing the application and applying CDE’s Rubric.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the denial of the Alexandria School of Innovation Charter School Application is in the best interests of the District, its students and the community, and the Alexandria School of Innovation charter school application is hereby denied, for the following reasons:

1. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Goals, Objectives and Pupil Performance” section of the Colorado Charter School Standard Application (the “Standard Application”). The application is ambiguous with regard to the alignment of testing measures to goals and there is a lack of clarity as to the timelines to reach the stated goals.

2. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Evidence of Support” section of the Standard Application. The outreach that has been conducted has been focused on school districts other than Jefferson County School District. It is unclear from the application whether the letters of intent and mailing list are from the current or previous application and whether

both contain a significant or minimal number of Jefferson County constituents. Finally, the charter has identified a location that is already well-served by STEM programs in the District.

3. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Educational Program” section of the Standard Application. The application does not identify a specific academic program and uses up to five curricula in some content areas in grade K-5. In addition, the application does not clearly identify the target families and students for the school.

4. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Evaluating Pupil Performance” section of the Standard Application. The application does not appear to comply with READ Act testing requirements and the self-accountability for student results is limited to students who attend the school for two to four years. In addition, the application does not explain how the school will retain and promote students.

5. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Budget and Finance” section of the Standard Application. The initial enrollment estimate is overly optimistic in light of the historical district averages for new charter schools. The budget also over-relies on soft funds that the school has yet to secure. Finally, the initial budget contains a number of additional problems, which are described in more detail in the Budget and Finance review section of Exhibit A. The deficiencies include, but are not limited to, insufficient allocations for special education funding.

6. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Governance” section of the Standard Application. The Class A members of the board are allowed to work for and be paid by the school.

7. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Insurance” section of the Standard Application. The application does not reflect actual liability coverage costs.

8. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Parent and Community Involvement” section of the Standard Application. There is an absence of proven demand for an additional STEAM-focused program among Jefferson County parents. The application does not contain a plan to reach out to a diverse population.

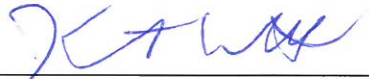
9. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Enrollment Policy” section of the Standard Application. The application defines “Founding Families” as families who helped to start a STEM school in the Douglas County School District regardless of their involvement in the Alexandria School of Innovation.

10. The application does not meet the standards set forth in the “Serving Students with Special Needs” section of the Standard Application. For example, the stated 7% special education population is not reflective of the district special education population. In addition, the application evidences a misunderstanding of how special education services are delivered in the district. The application does not identify plans to have its own special education staff. Rather, the application evidences the school’s intent to purchase special education staff through the district and to refer school students to the district for testing; neither of these services is available to charter schools.

11. In accordance with C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(4), the District administration is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Colorado Department of Education within fifteen days of its adoption date.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT R-1

By:   
Ken Witt, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

By:   
John Newkirk, Secretary, Board of Education

## **RESOLUTION**

### Conditionally Approving a Charter to Golden View Classical Academy

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2014, the Administration of Jefferson County School District No. R-1 received a charter school application from Golden View Classical Academy; and

WHEREAS, applying the Rubric for Review of a Standard Charter School Application (“Rubric”) approved by the Colorado Department of Education (“CDE”), the charter school application has been reviewed by District administrators with expertise in each of the designated Rubric categories, by the District’s Strategic Planning and Advisory Council Charter School Review Committee (also known as the Accountability Committee), and by members of the Superintendent’s Cabinet. Comments from the reviewers were provided to the Board of Education (attached hereto as Exhibits A-C); and

WHEREAS, the District’s Accountability Committee and the Board have reviewed the charter school application in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. §§ 22-30.5-107(1) & (1.5); and

WHEREAS, the Board scheduled a public meeting on October 2, 2014, in accordance with the requirements of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2), at which representatives of Golden View Classical Academy made a presentation to and received questions from the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Schools Act requires the Board to rule by resolution on the charter school application within 90 days after its receipt; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the charter school application; additional information provided by Golden View Classical Academy at the public meeting and subsequent to the public meeting; the Charter Schools Act; District policies and regulations; and the comments provided by those involved in reviewing the application and applying the CDE’s Rubric.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the charter school application is approved for Golden View Classical Academy to begin operations in the fall of 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year for a term of four (4) years, subject to and pending satisfaction of the following terms and conditions, as well as all other terms and conditions as may be required by law:


1. That a contract acceptable to the Board and Golden View Classical Academy be negotiated and executed no later than ninety days after the effective date of this Resolution, unless the Board and Golden View Classical Academy jointly waive the timeline pursuant to C.R.S. §22-30.5-106(2). Such contract shall contain, among other things, a mutual agreement in regard to the Academy’s requests for non-automatic waivers from District policies. This conditional grant does not constitute approval or acceptance by the Board of any separate element or provision of the application pending approval of a mutually acceptable contract.

2. On or before 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2015, Golden View Classical Academy shall submit to the Board's designee a balanced budget, acceptable to the District, that satisfies applicable legal requirements and public entity accounting principles; that is based upon actual enrollment calculated from Letters of Intent received, actual facility costs and adequate staffing levels to meet the actual enrollment; and that properly uses the District's insurance model for special education, currently \$370/FTE.

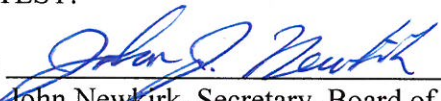
3. In the event the Board determines that the condition specified in paragraph 2 has not been satisfied, the charter school application shall be deemed to be denied by the Board on the date of such determination. In no event shall the Board action described in this paragraph be construed as a revocation of a charter or a charter school contract.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

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DISTRICT R-1

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