**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, two legislatively referred ballot measures, the “Allow State to Retain Revenue from Proposition FF Measure,” and the “Tax Deductions and Revenue for School Meals Measure,” would support the Healthy School Meals for All Program. The former would allow Colorado to retain tax revenue collected above the initial estimates for Proposition FF, and the latter would modify tax law to generate an additional $95 million annually for the Program; and

WHEREAS, if both measures are rejected, fiscal analysts have determined the Program will end after FY 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, passing both ballot measures 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 the “Allow State to Retain Revenue from Proposition FF Measure,” and the “Tax Deductions and Revenue for School Meals Measure” are matters of official concern.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the <<School District>> Board of Education officially declares its support for the “Allow State to Retain Revenue from Proposition FF” and “Tax Deductions and Revenue for School Meals” measures, 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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