



## RESOLUTION 11-1

### DECLARING SUPPORT FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOND AND MILL LEVY OVERRIDE ELECTION

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WHEREAS, Ben Franklin Academy (the "School") is a charter School duly organized and existing under the Constitution and the laws of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the School serves students and parents in partnership with Douglas County School District (the "School District"); and

WHEREAS, the School is concerned about the future of the School District; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the State of Colorado (the "State") has reduced its funding of public education through budget cuts and rescissions, which have severely impacted the School districts in the state, including the School District; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these budget cuts and rescissions, the School District has cut millions from its own budget; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the State will continue to ratchet down spending for educational purposes in the future in order to balance its budget;

WHEREAS, in order to offset these budget cuts and rescissions, the School District has approved a resolution asking its voters to approve a \$200 million bond (ballot measure 3A) designated to reduce class sizes by adding classrooms throughout Douglas County, support technology, and ensure healthy and safe environments; and

WHEREAS, to further offset these budget cuts and rescissions, the School District has also approved a resolution asking its voters to approve a \$20 million mill levy increase (ballot measure 3B) that is designated to support "pay-for-performance" for teachers and world-class education opportunities for students.

WHEREAS, Ballot Issues 3A and 3B will allow the School District to sustain quality education as well as reduce class sizes, improve classroom technology and safety, and recruit and retain quality teachers; and

WHEREAS, the School has been assured that the School District will distribute a pro rata share of the bond revenue from measure 3A and the mill levy revenue from measure 3B to it should voters approve these measures; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the future of our community is tied directly to the success of the Schools within our boundaries; and

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**BEN FRANKLIN**  
ACADEMY

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the School hereby SUPPORTS BALLOT ISSUES 3A and 3B and urges the passage of this measure at the November 1, 2011, Election.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Jason Sanders, President