

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
CONCERNING THE RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FROM BEN FRANKLIN ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, DCSD has received an Intent to Renew Contract Form from Ben Franklin Academy (“Ben Franklin”); and

WHEREAS, the renewal process was conducted in accordance with national best practices for charter school renewal review which included, but was not limited to, DCSD staff and external expert review of Ben Franklin operations using a standards-based review rubric and an in-person applicant interview; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2014, DCSD staff notified Ben Franklin of the staff recommendation incorporated in this resolution, including certain performance milestones to be met in connection with a 5-year recommended renewal, and a copy of the recommendation was provided to the DCSD Board; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2014, the DCSD Board held a public hearing on the renewal request and the staff recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the DCSD Board has fully considered the renewal request from Ben Franklin, as well as the comments from DCSD staff and outside reviewers, and any and all additional information provided by the applicant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County School Board that the contract renewal application from Ben Franklin is hereby approved for a five-year period with certain academic, operational and financial milestones, to include the following:

1. Ben Franklin must maintain a rating of Performance on the CDE School Performance Framework (SPF) based on 2012-13 school performance data, and must make adequate progress in addressing any identified growth gaps. Failure to do so will trigger a DCSD staff contract review in fall 2014. A similar review and reconsideration may be given annually based on the school’s progress.
2. The Ben Franklin board will undergo a strategic planning session no later than May 31, 2014 to update the Ben Franklin Strategic Plan, and will adopt a three-year strategic plan for 2014-2017 to be shared with the District and Ben Franklin parents.
3. The Ben Franklin board will ensure timely and accurate financial reporting to the District and will ensure compliance with Colorado financial transparency law, including the posting of all school financial information and audits on the Ben Franklin website in a timely manner.
4. Ben Franklin will provide evidence to the District of a fully staffed and functional SAC by providing copies of monthly SAC minutes to district staff, beginning August 2014 and posting said minutes on the school website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event any of these aforesaid milestones are not timely met by the Ben Franklin board, District staff may undertake a review of Ben Franklin governance and operations and may recommend such modifications to the contract and/or Ben Franklin policies as will ensure timely compliance with the milestones;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this decision be communicated to the applicant as soon as practicable.

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By: 

Kevin F. Larsen, President
Board of Education

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the DCSD Board of Education at a regular Board meeting upon notice as required by law on February 18, 2014, by a roll-call vote of Aye 5, Nay 0, and Abstention 0.

By: 

Secretary, Board of Education