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3 **A Resolution in Support**
4 **of the**
5 **Colorado Superintendent's Position on K12 Funding**
6 **by**
7 **The Elizabeth School District Board of Education**

8 **WHEREAS**, for the past 5 years, school funding in Colorado has fallen far behind the rate of
9 inflation resulting in a current per pupil funding below the 2008/09 level; an amount far below
10 that mandated by the people by the passage of Amendment 23 to the Colorado Constitution,
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13 **WHEREAS**, the application of the Negative Factor (the amount below the constitutionally
14 mandated funding levels) has effected school districts across our state by allocating to other
15 state priorities over \$1 Billion intended for Colorado students, and;

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17 **WHEREAS**, though Colorado remains near the bottom nationally for school funding, this board
18 recognizes and appreciates the small reductions made and the statutory halt to increases in the
19 Negative Factor instituted during the 2014 legislative session, and;

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21 **WHEREAS**, this board has seen the local impact of funding reductions of nearly \$13 Million on
22 our ability to provide the level of educational services and capital maintenance expected by our
23 community and understands that all districts in the state have been comparably impacted, and;

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25 **WHEREAS**, in November 2014, 174 of the 178 superintendents of the state took a firm and
26 public position in support of the Governor's proposal to add \$200 million in one-time dollars to
27 the state's schools and further called for an additional \$50 million to districts for children living in
28 poverty and \$20 million for small rural schools that have been disproportionately affected by the
29 Negative Factor, and;

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31 **WHEREAS**, while this board recognizes that these small steps do not fix the chronic funding
32 issues imposed by the myriad statutory and constitutional conflicts that currently exist within our
33 state, they do help ensure currently enrolled students are not further underserved while long
34 term solutions are sought, then,

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36 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we join with our Superintendent and his peers in calling
37 for this \$270 million in additional state funding, with no spending mandates attached, in order to
38 preserve our ability and flexibility to serve our current students' educational needs, and;

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40 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that that we will individually and collectively, and in cooperation
41 with members of our Colorado General Assembly, other like-minded boards of education,
42 professional associations, and citizens' organizations, support passage of state legislation that
43 provides this \$270 million funding increase and furthers the development of long-term school
44 funding solutions.

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47 Adopted: February, 9 2015

48 Verified: _____
49 Board Secretary

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