

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION APPROVING CHARTER APPLICATIONS  
FROM JOHN DEWEY INSTITUTE**

**Whereas**, on March 15, 2023, John Dewey Institute (“JDI”) submitted charter school applications to the Douglas County School District RE-1 (“District”) for the formation of four schools to operate within the geographic boundaries of the District beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and embedded within Alexandria School of Innovation at Sterling Ranch, Ridgeway, Crystal Valley, and Highlands Ranch; and

**Whereas**, on March 29, 2023 the charter applications from JDI were deemed complete pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)(c); and

**Whereas**, on April 18, 2023, the District’s Charter Application Review Team (CART) interviewed JDI founder Judy Brannberg regarding the charter applications (“capacity interview”); and

**Whereas**, on April 20, 2023, the District sent additional questions to JDI regarding the charter applications, and responses to those additional questions were provided to the District on April 27, 2023; and

**Whereas**, on May 9, 2023, pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2), and at a regular and publicly noticed meeting, Ms. Brannberg, on behalf of JDI, presented to the District Board of Education on its charter applications, and the Board heard public comment regarding the applications, but only from Ms. Brannberg; and

**Whereas**, on May 23, 2023, pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(2), the District Board of Education considered (1) the applications from JDI, including supplemental information provided by the applicant, (2) the presentation by JDI from May 9, 2023, (3) any public comment from the community regarding the application, (4) the May 19, 2023 recommendation from District staff, including recommendations from the District’s Choice Programming Office, CART, and the District Cabinet to the Board of Education regarding the application, (5) the Charter Schools Act, and (6) District policies and regulations, including Policies LBD and LBD-R and the Charter Procedures Manual.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Douglas County School District R-1, that the Board of Education finds that **approval** of the applications from John Dewey Institute is in the best interests of the District, its students, and the community, and hereby approves the applications submitted by JDI and grants JDI a charter for an initial term of four years for the operation of four K-5 schools opening July 1, 2024, provided that no later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Resolution, unless mutually extended by the parties, the District and JDI negotiate and enter into a mutually acceptable charter school contract with an effective

date of July 1, 2024. This Resolution does not constitute approval or acceptance by the Board of Education of any separate element or provision of the application pending approval of a complete charter school contract.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2023.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Peterson,  
President, Board of Education

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Becky Myers  
Secretary, Board of Education