

RESOLUTION 2014-33

Expressing support for the importance and respect for diversity in education

WHEREAS, Diversity enriches the educational experience. We learn from those whose experiences, beliefs, and perspectives are different from our own, and these lessons can be taught best in a richly diverse intellectual and social environment.

WHEREAS, Diversity promotes personal growth and a healthy society. Diversity challenges stereotyped preconceptions, encourages critical thinking, and helps students and staff learn to communicate effectively with people of varied backgrounds.


WHEREAS, Diversity strengthens communities and the workplace. Education within a diverse setting prepares students to become good citizens in an increasingly complex, pluralistic, global society; it fosters mutual respect and teamwork; and it helps build communities whose members are judged by the quality of their character and their contributions.

WHEREAS, Diversity enhances America's economic competitiveness. Sustaining the nation's prosperity in the 21st century requires us to make effective use of the talents and abilities of all our citizens in work settings that bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education values and honors the diversity of the family and of the social and cultural backgrounds of all of its students, parents/guardians, and personnel; and encourages its schools to recognize and celebrate their diversity.

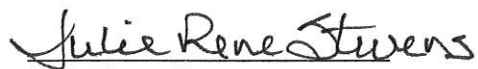
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District 11 Board of Education encourages the District to continue to reach out and make a conscious effort to build healthy and diverse teaching and learning environments where all people feel welcomed and are treated with dignity and respect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of said school district to be hereunto affixed this 23rd day of April, 2014.

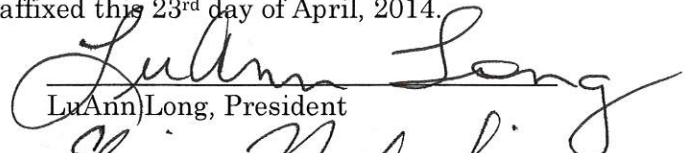


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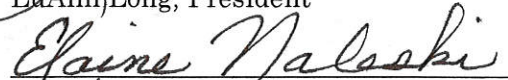
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Julie Rene Stevens,
Secretary to the Board of Education



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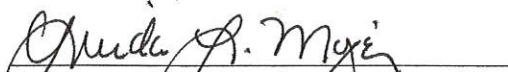
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