

**RESOLUTION 2014-24 IN SUPPORT OF HB 14-1156
TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR REDUCED PRICED LUNCHES**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education is a public entity that provides educational services to children in Colorado Springs School District 11; and

WHEREAS, the state of Colorado has recognized good nutrition is an essential component to student learning and promotes success for students in today's fast-paced environment; and

WHEREAS, every Colorado child deserves a healthy start in life, including access to a healthy school lunch each school day;

WHEREAS, a child should not be prevented from receiving a healthy school lunch because of a lack of family income and

WHEREAS, the number of children in the "reduced-price" category is almost as economically disadvantaged as those qualifying for a free lunch; and

WHEREAS, even a nominal meal price for "reduced-price" meals often leads to childhood hunger and reduced student achievement opportunities; and

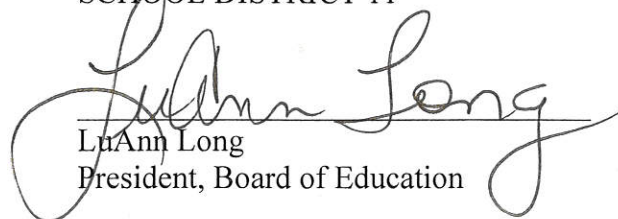
WHEREAS, the Colorado legislature has proposed HB 14-1156 to increase school meal funding to enable students who qualify for a reduced price lunch to make lunch more accessible to underprivileged students, lessen the stigma associated with children who receive reduced-cost lunches and reduce child hunger in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, this increase in school meal funding will significantly benefit the children of Colorado and, specifically, the children of Colorado Springs School District 11 by enabling the District to better provide nutritious lunches to help prepare students to learn and by impacting another 293 students each day with lunches made from healthy, fresh food, while also providing an additional \$155,219 in new revenue annually;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education officially declares its support of HB-1456 providing expansion and additional financial support to the child nutrition school lunch protection program in the state of Colorado.

Adopted this 12th day of February 2014.

COLORADO SPRINGS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 11


LuAnn Long
President, Board of Education

Attested By:


Julie Rene Stevens
Secretary to the Board of Education