

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF  
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**

**CONCERNING APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF  
STEM SCHOOL AND ACADEMY  
TO BECOME A P-TECH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, HB 15-1270, signed into law in 2015, authorizes Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools, (“P-TECH”) and creates a public-private partnership to prepare thousands of Colorado students for high-skill jobs of the future;

WHEREAS, to implement the program, CDE and the Colorado Department of Higher Education seek proposals from school districts, charter schools, BOCES, postsecondary institutions and dedicated high-growth industry employer partners for the development and operation of six-year high schools focused on career and technical education programming;

WHEREAS, P-TECH is an innovative partnership between a school district, a community college(s), and one or more local high growth industry employer(s):

- Students begin in 9th grade and go through 14th grade (i.e. high school and two equivalent years of college) for a total of 6 years.
- As such, students graduate with both a high school diploma and an industry-recognized associate degree, in addition to gaining relevant workplace skills.
- The associate degree is in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) focused high-growth industry.
- Students receive intensive student support services, in addition to mentoring, job shadowing, internships, pre-apprenticeships, and other workplace educational experiences.
- Students may also earn pre-apprenticeship certificates and other industry-recognized certificates in addition to an associate degree.
- P-TECH is open to all students, with a special focus on encouraging enrollment of students who are socio-economically and racially diverse, the first to attend college in their family, English language learners, and students with disabilities.

WHEREAS, STEM School and Academy (“STEM”) has applied to CDE for designation as a P-TECH school serving grades K-14;

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to approval of STEM’s application, CDE requires assurance from the District that the District approves of STEM’s application and will adopt a contract amendment for STEM that incorporates such P-TECH designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas County School Board that the STEM School and Academy P-TECH application (attached hereto) is hereby approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the STEM contract dated July 1, 2014 is hereby amended to include the designation of STEM as a P-TECH Early College high school;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that the STEM application to CDE for designation as a P-TECH school is denied, said contract amendment is hereby rescinded, with all other provisions of said charter contract remaining in full force and effect;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in no event will this approval be construed to entitle STEM P-Tech grades 13 and 14 to DCSD MLO dollars to fund the program.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, by a vote of 7-0

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By: Meghann Silverthorn  
Meghann Silverthorn, President  
Board of Education

Attest:

By: Jammy Taylor  
Secretary, Board of Education