

COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 10-191 (hereinafter "SB 10-191") creates

"[a] system to evaluate the effectiveness of licensed personnel [that] is crucial to improving the quality of

education in this state;" and

WHEREAS: SB 10-191 is one of the pillars of bi-partisan education

reform efforts in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS: The Colorado Education Association and the Denver

Classroom Teachers Association (hereinafter the "CEA/DCTA") have indicated an intent to file a civil

action in Denver District Court attacking the

constitutionality of SB 10-191; and;

WHEREAS: The successful implementation of SB 10-191 being

crucial to the success of continuing education reform efforts in Colorado, the State Board wished to enter into negotiation with CEA/DCTA to ensure statewide

implementation of SB 10-191 and to amicably settle this

matter short of litigation; and

WHEREAS: To this end, and to allow sufficient time for SB 10-191's

critical first year of implementation throughout the state the State Board entered into a tolling agreement on August 28, 2013, postponing the filing of such a lawsuit until on or after January 1, 2014, in order to give all interested parties sufficient time to negotiate a resolution

of these issues; and

WHEREAS: Since that time, concerns have arisen regarding

CEA/DCTA's possible violation of the Tolling

Agreement by raising the constitutionality of SB 10-191

in other cases, and negotiations have reached an

impasse;

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NOW. THEREFORE:

The State Board of Education calls upon CEA/DCTA to demonstrate good faith support for bi-partisan education reform efforts in Colorado by agreeing to not file the threatened lawsuit or any future legal challenge to the constitutionality of Senate Bill 10-191; and

In the event CEA/DCTA does not engage in good faith negotiations and chooses to file a lawsuit challenging SB 10-191, the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education will defend any such lawsuit to the fullest extent of the law, to preserve the integrity of SB 10-191 and the ongoing education reforms in Colorado.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF October, 2013

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