

Pueblo School District No. 60

RESOLUTION

(Approving the Innovation Plan Submitted by Pitts Middle School)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Pueblo School District No. 60, also known as Pueblo City Schools (School District), is committed to providing a world-class education that prepares graduates to succeed in a global society; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this commitment, the Board of Education encourages School District schools to develop new, innovative approaches in education to meet the needs of the School District's diverse and changing student population and to improve educational performance through greater school autonomy and managerial flexibility; and

WHEREAS, The Innovation Schools Act of 2008, C.R.S. § 22-32.5-101 to 111 (2013) (Act), provides a means for the School District and its schools to achieve these goals in accordance with Colorado law; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to approve innovation plans meeting the requirements of and submitted in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, Pitts Middle School has submitted an Innovation Plan that will include research-based strategies to increase student achievement by becoming an academically focused visual and performing arts program serving students in grades six through eight, commencing in the 2013-2014 school year, with grades four and five being added in subsequent years to finally serve grades four through eight; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the Innovation Plan, the Board concludes that it meets the requirements of the Act, including the requirement that it will not result in a decrease in academic achievement and the requirement that it is fiscally feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Pueblo School District No. 60, as follows:

1. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-32.5-104(1)(b), the Board of Education approves the Innovation Plan submitted by the Pitts Middle School, which is hereby incorporated into this Resolution, along with any attachments and testimony provided thereto, and submits it to the Commissioner of Education and to the Colorado State Board of Education in accordance with C.R.S. § 22-32.5-107(2).

2. On at least an annual basis, the Board of Education shall review the level of performance of Pitts Middle School and shall make a determination whether it is achieving or making adequate progress toward achieving the academic performance results and other goals identified in the Innovation Plan.

3. The School's accountability committee and the District will be responsible for ongoing review of the elements of the Innovation Plan, including any waivers from the School District's curricular policies.

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2013.

Board of Education
Pueblo School District No. 60
a/k/a Pueblo City Schools

By: Phyllis K. Sanchez
Phyllis K. Sanchez, Board President

ATTEST:

By: Assunta A. Patrone
Secretary

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