

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,
STATE OF COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

Support of Northfield High School and International Baccalaureate Program Development

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of School District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado ("Board of Education"), has adopted the Denver Plan 2020 to ensure an increase in quality schools as stated in the plan, "available in every neighborhood to ensure that every student in every community throughout the district has access to great schools."

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to establish several high-quality seat options for schools in collaboration with students, parents/guardians, community members, and other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, *Equity, Collaboration, and Accountability* are three DPS Core Values, and we are committed to working with the community on creating and maintaining high-quality, diverse and inclusive school communities that provides access for all students, and taking responsibility for our individual and collective commitments;

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2014, the Board of Education approved the construction of Northfield High School, a comprehensive high school, which opened in August of 2015 with the mission of engaging students in a rich and challenging academic program, empowering them to discover their own strengths and pursue areas of personal interest;

WHEREAS, Northfield High School, offers a progressive, challenging and exciting academic program where their educators promote an inclusive school community that encourages student creativity, self-awareness, independence, and collaboration among students with different interests;

WHEREAS, Northfield High School, offers the opportunity for all students to participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program curriculum;

WHEREAS, Northfield High School, has been approved for innovation status by the Denver Public School Board of Education in a unanimous vote, supporting the flexibility, adaptability, and responsiveness needed to ensure that every single student who walks through the school's doors ultimately succeeds;

WHEREAS, Northfield High School is located on the 40-acre Paul Sandoval Campus and has an academic building with 36 classrooms (including 4 state-of-the-art science laboratories, an engineering laboratory, an art studio, and a music room), 7 small breakout rooms, a computer lab, a library, and state of the art outdoor athletic facilities provided in partnership with the City of Denver Parks and Recreation Department;

WHEREAS, Denver Public Schools hosted a public meeting on December 5, 2016, to gain input from families potentially impacted by the placement of DSST Conservatory Green High School in a separate building on the Paul Sandoval Campus;

WHEREAS, the community expressed support for a comprehensive high school and raised concerns including but not limited to: facility space, parking, shared campus support, and marketing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- DPS will provide the staff time and funding required for Northfield High School's application to be certified as an International Baccalaureate school.
- Every single student in the Near Northeast High School Enrollment boundary (*DPS Board Resolution 3549*) who wants to enroll at Northfield High School is guaranteed a seat at Northfield now and in the future.
- We will continue to honor our commitment in *DPS Board Resolution 3549* passed June 12, 2014 to make available at least 35% of Northfield High School seats to families from adjacent neighborhoods.
- The Board of Education hereby instructs that the Superintendent shall direct staff to review enrollment at Northfield High School in the spring of each year thru 2019. DPS will expand the Northfield High School space as necessary to meet the enrollment commitments.
- DPS staff shall continue to meet regularly with Northfield High School leadership and the CSC to review implementation, collaboratively identify challenges and potential solutions, and determine other needs as necessary.
- Each school on the Paul Sandoval Campus will continue to have its own school-based budget.
- DSST Conservatory Green Middle School shall continue to operate at the Conservatory Green Campus - 8499 E., Stoll Pl, Denver, CO 80238.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

- Campus sharing will not impact facilities requirements for Northfield High School to obtain and maintain the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program authorization and DPS Operations staff will continue to work with Northfield High School leadership to

ensure the facility is able to provide the necessary supports for their IB authorization standards.

- Denver Public Schools commits to working with Northfield High School to create a library meeting IB Diploma Program authorization standards no later than fall 2018.
- Denver Public Schools will fund and construct additional classroom or office space in the renovation of the former temporary cafeteria located in the gym building by fall 2018.
- Denver Public Schools will fund and construct a full service cafeteria to serve all students on the Sandoval Campus by fall 2018.
- Future campus design drawings will be produced and displayed at the Sandoval Campus to further build understanding of how space will be constructed and utilized by fall 2017
- Denver Public Schools will add a new parking lot with at least 100 parking spaces for the campus by fall 2017, barring any unforeseen circumstances (i.e. construction permit delays).
- DPS will continue to explore options for adding to the athletic features on the Sandoval Campus commensurate with campus enrollment and funding availability. As the campus eventually expands to its full capacity (~2,500 students), appropriate athletic facilities will be constructed along with classrooms and other shared facilities.
- Denver Public Schools will provide appropriate shared campus support based upon campus enrollment to promote a positive working relationship with all schools on the Paul Sandoval Campus and the communities they serve in order to provide quality learning environments for all students.
- Denver Public Schools will provide marketing support for Northfield High School leadership to assist with messaging and recruitment for Northfield High School.

Anne Rowe, President

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