WHEREAS, the Denver Public Schools is committed to ensuring all students receive the education and support they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Cordova is committed to a new direction and vision of community engagement across the district through collaborative teamwork—one that creates a more open, responsive conversation about what families and community members need from their schools and their campuses; and

WHEREAS, the district recognizes new or renovated school facilities may impact student 21st Century learning, health and wellness, and

WHEREAS, the district reserved funds for the renovation of the cafeteria at the Montbello campus; and after review of other investments made in the past five years the district believes that despite these investments, there remain many needs in the Montbello facility to provide students and educators with the high-quality learning environment they deserve; and

WHEREAS, the Montbello campus opened in the fall of 1980, and lacks critical components for the 21st Century, such as sufficient wiring for laptop computers; flexible learning spaces; classrooms with windows; and adequate areas for the programs in the building, including arts rehearsal spaces and areas for students to learn together; and

WHEREAS, a new or renovated campus would provide modern facilities that support students, while honoring the legacy of Montbello’s past and preparing students for 21st Century careers; and

WHEREAS, this work is focused on planning for the renovation or rebuilding of the Montbello campus for the three schools located on the campus and that any change in academic programming will be governed by Board action and Board policies such as the School Performance Compact and the Facility Allocation Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the district is committed to partnering with communities across the district in an authentic way to vision a future together for our educational learning environments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in our efforts to improve our outreach and shift the way we work so that we are community led, district supported, the District shall ensure a community engagement process to create plans for the redesign or rebuild of the campuses starting with
Montbello’s campus that will be submitted to the Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) for consideration within a potential bond; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district will ensure that the community engagement process will have a representative coalition of stakeholders that includes current students and staff, future students and families, alumni of the campus and the broader Montbello community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board will be responsive to the community guidance and recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any resulting design shall also honor Montbello's past, and the new design will include space dedicated to the history and successes of the Montbello alumni, community, and identity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the design will use modern standards to ensure that the facility will be able to accommodate the three schools currently located on the campus and be flexible to adapt to any changes in academic programming for decades to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, using community guidance, the district will strive to ensure that the design honors the historic role the Montbello campus has in the community and work to ensure that the campus becomes a community hub.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the determination of projects to be funded by the bond is reserved for the CPAC and should the Montbello plan not receive funding, the district commits to completing the originally designed cafeteria remodel.

Approved this 19th day of September 2019.

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Anne Rowe, Board President  Dr. Carrie Olson, Secretary