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RESOLUTION: PROMOTING THE USE OF ACADEMIC SOLUTIONS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH BEHAVIOR, ATTENTION, AND LEARNING

- WHEREAS, the Colorado State Board of Education is constitutionally charged with the general supervision of K-12 public education; and
- WHEREAS, the Colorado State Board of Education dedicates itself to increasing academic achievement levels for all students; and
- WHEREAS, the responsibility of school personnel is to ensure student achievement; and
- WHEREAS, only medical personnel can recommend the use of prescription medication; and
- WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recognizes that there is much concern regarding the issue of appropriate and thorough diagnosis and medication and their impact on student achievement; and
- WHEREAS, there are documented incidents of highly negative consequences in which psychiatric prescription drugs have been utilized for what are essentially problems of discipline which may be related to lack of academic success;

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education encourage school personnel to use proven academic and/or classroom management solutions to resolve behavior, attention, and learning difficulties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Education encourage greater communication and education among parents, educators, and medical professionals about the effects of psychotropic drugs on student achievement and our ability to provide a safe and civil learning environment.

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