

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER,
STATE OF COLORADO
RESOLUTION No. 3724**

Bear Valley International School Innovation Status

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (1)(e) strongly encourages each school District Board of Education “to delegate to each public school a high degree of autonomy... thereby empowering each public school to tailor its services most effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of the population of students it serves”;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(g) requires public schools that receive greater autonomy under this article be held accountable for student academic achievement;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-32.5-102 (2)(e) encourages innovation in education by providing local school communities and principals with greater control over levels of staffing, personnel selection and evaluation, scheduling, and educational programming with the goal of achieving improved student achievement;

WHEREAS, in May 2015, Denver Public Schools published a supplemental Call for New Quality Schools, identifying as a priority need a replacement provider for Henry World School;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2015, Bear Valley International School submitted a new district-run school plan in response to the need for a replacement provider for Henry World School, as outlined in the Call for New Quality Schools process;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2015, the DPS Board of Education voted on Resolution No. 3654 to approve Bear Valley International School on a quality basis;

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2015, the DPS Board of Education approved Resolution No. 3658 to place Bear Valley International School at the Henry campus location beginning in the 2016-17 school year;

WHEREAS, administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and the school accountability committee developed a plan to apply for innovation status in order to fully and purposefully implement the school design and ensure quality outcomes for students;

WHEREAS, the school’s Innovation Plan received overwhelming support from administrators, teachers and parents, as evidenced by appropriate votes showing majority support of the administration, majority approval from the Collaborative School Committee (CSC), and support from at least 60% of teachers, upon being fully staffed before the start of the academic school year;

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2016, District staff provided their recommendation to approve the Innovation

Plan of Bear Valley International School, having completed a review of the plan both for completeness of the plan and quality of the school design;

WHEREAS, following reasonable public notice, the Board of Education has considered the Innovation Plan submitted by Bear Valley International School, the presentation and all additional information provided by Bear Valley International School, the District staff recommendations, and the information received from the public.

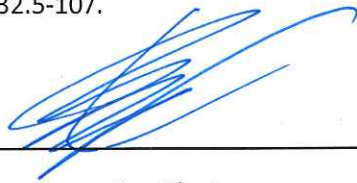
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Innovation Plan for Bear Valley International School is in the best interest of pupils, the District, and the community.


The Innovation Plan for Bear Valley International School shall be approved for a three-year period from the date of this resolution.

To the extent that a waiver of a specific Board of Education Policy is not included in the Innovation Plan, that Policy will apply to the Innovation School.

This Board submits the Innovation Plan for Bear Valley International School to the Commissioner of the Colorado Board of Education and recommends approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to C.R.S. 22-32.5-107.



Anne Rowe, President



Allegra "Happy" Haynes, Secretary