

**Resolution**  
**Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education**  
**In Support of Amendment 73, Great Schools Thriving Communities**

WHEREAS, the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education believes that every student should have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential and to participate meaningfully in the civic and economic life of the community as outlined in the [Generations vision](#); and

WHEREAS, the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education passed a [resolution](#) on April 5, 2018 in support of Initiative 93, now known as Amendment 73; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's investment in education is lagging behind other states — Colorado ranks 48<sup>th</sup> nationally in personal income invested in education and passage of Amendment 73 will bring Colorado's financial support of public education to just below the national average; and

WHEREAS, education funding has not recovered from the recession: in the 2017/2018 school year alone, Colorado schools were underfunded by nearly \$830 million; and

WHEREAS, the loss to Jeffco Public Schools students and families has been over \$630 million in state funding since 2009; and

WHEREAS, if granted passage by 55% of voters, Amendment 73 will bring an estimated \$134 million in new dollars to Jeffco Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 73 provides funds for student groups in special education, English language learners, gifted/talented, and early childhood while passing through funds to charter schools with remaining funds spent as local needs are identified; and

WHEREAS, if granted this opportunity to address student needs through Amendment 73, Jeffco Public Schools intends to use the new funding in the following ways:

- 50% to attract and retain quality teachers and staff
- 15% to lower class sizes and staffing shortages
- 10% to add mental health/counseling and school security
- 10% to expand early childhood education
- 7.5% to expand career/technical and STEM options
- 7.5% to purchase classroom learning materials, technology, supplies and offset student fees

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education supports Amendment 73 *Great Schools, Thriving Communities* having outlined how these additional, new resources would be used and encourages all voters in Colorado, and especially in Jefferson County, to vote in support of Amendment 73 so that a generation of Colorado children do not face limits in reaching their potential and our state continues to enjoy economic success for those we raise and educate here in Colorado.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018.

Jefferson County School District R-1

Attest:

  
Amanda Stevens  
Secretary, Board of Education

  
Ron Mitchell  
President, Board of Education