

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1
STATE OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Public School District R-1 (the "District") is requesting a waiver from that portion of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)(b) requiring the District to accept charter school applications between August 1st and October 1st (hereinafter, referred to as "Fall Application Cycle");

WHEREAS, the attached waiver application substantially complies with the requirements of C.R.S. § 22-2-117, and requests that the District be permitted to require charter applicants to submit letters of intent by February 1st of each school year and applications by March 15th of each school year, in order to be eligible for consideration to open a charter school in the fall of the following year calendar year (hereinafter, referred to as "Spring Application Cycle"), except as the charter applicant and the local board of education may jointly waive the deadlines set forth in this section by;

WHEREAS, the granting of this waiver is necessary to enhance educational opportunity and quality within the District because the application submission timeline required in the statute does not provide quality charter schools with sufficient time to most effectively open a quality school the following academic year;

WHEREAS, the District is a quality authorizer that holds charter schools accountable through a transparent and rigorous process that uses academic, financial, and operational data;

WHEREAS, allowing a waiver of the Fall Application Cycle enables the District to focus its resources on assessing new charter applications in the spring and assessing charter renewal applications in the fall, thereby most effectively and efficiently supporting schools;

WHEREAS, the District shall comply with the intent of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-107(1)(b) by providing notice of the Spring Application Cycle to all potential applicants and shall be held accountable to the Colorado State Board of Education by providing notice of its Spring Application Cycle and deadlines;

WHEREAS, the District has been granted by the state board exclusive authority to charter schools within its geographic boundaries pursuant to C.R.S. § 22-30.5-504 and is therefore in compliance with C.R.S. § 22-2-117(6);

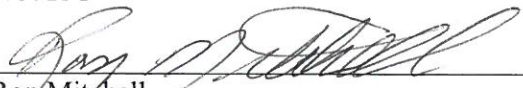
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

The application for waiver of the above-referenced portion of C.R.S. § 9 22-30.5-107(1)(b) be approved for submission to the Colorado State Board of Education in accordance with C.R.S § 22-2-117.

Adopted this 10th day of December, 2015.

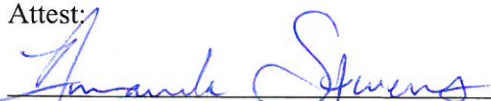
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By:



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