

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF  
WELD RE-9 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT 66 (SB 13-213)**

WHEREAS, a bill was introduced in the Colorado Senate intended to create a new and improved school finance act, the stated proposes of which include addressing the constitutional mandate for a thorough and uniform system of public education, and addressing the “significant inequities in the tax burden borne by communities throughout the state” as a result of current constitutional and statutory provisions; and,

WHEREAS, amendment 66 calls for additional revenues of \$1.05 Billion, conditional upon passage of a statewide ballot measure to increase state revenues for funding public education; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education concurs in the view of proponents that the current funding system for education in the state has resulted in needless bureaucratic complexity, arbitrary regulations and marked inequities among school districts; and,

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the Board of Education agrees with the premise of reforming the School Finance Act and the financial inequities it produces, Amendment 66 fails to adequately resolve those inequities, and actually worsens them.

WHEREAS, Amendment 66 provides \$100 million in additional funds to an Education Innovation Grant Fund with no identified plan for spending those funds and for which many district only qualify on a limited basis because they are not in an accreditation category of “improvement,” “priority improvement,” or “turnaround,” and, the amendment creates another \$5 million bureaucracy needed to administer this program and,

WHEREAS, is provides a “floor” funding level for all districts, it does far too little to narrow the broad funding gaps and discrepancies among school districts. Instead, the Bill merely further redistributes tax revenue among districts without regard to actual cost.

WHEREAS, weighing all of these serious shortcomings in Amendment 66 and mindful that a \$1.05 Billion tax increase would have a negative effect on the local and state economy, and to the Weld Re-9 School district.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education opposes Amendment 66 as contrary to the best interest of the patrons of the Weld Re-9 School District.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2013 by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_

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Justus Pettit  
President, Board of Education  
Weld RE9 School District