

**RESOLUTION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1**

CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11-001

WHEREAS, Colorado's constitution can be amended through a simple majority of votes at a statewide election; and,

WHEREAS, because of the relative ease in which constitutional amendments can be placed before the voters, Colorado has considered 93 constitutional amendments in the last 20 years, and passed 40 changes to the constitution during this time; and,

WHEREAS, among these changes were the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR – 1992), and Amendment 23 for Education (2000); and,

WHEREAS, Amendment 23 and TABOR, in combination with other constitutional provisions, have affected the state funding available for education, and required both increased funding and as well as capping the total amount of funding available; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution 11-001, introduced in the Colorado State Senate on February 8, 2011, would raise the threshold for considering constitutional changes and increase the percentage of votes required to pass future constitutional changes; and,

WHEREAS, S.C.R. 11-001 maintains a simple majority required to pass a future initiated statutory changes; and,

WHEREAS, if enacted, S.C.R. 11-001 would require a minimum number of signatures for a citizen initiated constitutional amendment be gathered from voters within each of the state's seven congressional districts, thereby ensuring there is some level of statewide support for each measure put before the voters; and,

WHEREAS, if enacted, S.C.R. 11-001 would require that all future constitutional amendments would be enacted only if they received support in excess of a 60 percent threshold, thereby ensuring strong popular support for future constitutional changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Jefferson County School District No. R-1, that it officially declares its support of S.C.R. 11-001, having passed both the House and Senate chambers in the First Session of the 68th General Assembly, and recommends that S.C.R. 11-001 be approved by the voters of Colorado in November 2012; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the primary sponsors of S.C.R. 11-001, Senate President Brandon Shaffer and Senator Nancy Spence, and Representatives Carole Murray and Lois Court.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2011.


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By: 

David J. Thomas, President

Board of Education

Attest:



Robin Johnson, Secretary

Board of Education