BOARD OF EDUCATION MAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DENVER, COLORADO

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM MAPLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT FOR <u>ALL</u> STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND STAFF MEMBERS

WHEREAS, central to Mapleton's mission is guaranteeing that <u>all</u> students can achieve their dreams;

WHEREAS, among the fundamental beliefs held in Mapleton Public Schools, we believe that:

- People thrive in a caring environment,
- Everyone deserves unlimited opportunities to maximize their unique abilities, and
- Today's children hold the promise of tomorrow;

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child to access a free public K-12 education, and the District welcomes and supports all students;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools has declared their dedication to building a welcoming educational environment that is not only conducive to learning but also fosters a deep sense of justice and understanding;

WHEREAS, in order to learn and thrive, students and staff must feel safe and honored for who they are, and know that the District will support their safety and emotional well-being regardless of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, immigration/citizenship status, religion, ancestry, family composition, or physical characteristics;

WHEREAS, the Board declares the District to be a Safe Zone for its students, meaning that the District is a place for students to learn, thrive, and seek assistance, information, and support without disruption or interference;

WHEREAS, since the US Supreme Court's 1982 decision <u>Plyler v. Doe</u>, federal law has recognized that all children in the United States, regardless of immigration status, have the right to free public education.

WHEREAS, in 2019, Colorado passed HB 19-1192 to ensure the inclusion of the history, culture, and social contributions of underrepresented groups, including racial and ethnic groups and LGBTQ individuals in public school curricula and academic standards;

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to policies and practices that support and represent the diverse people and families in our community, and ensure students can access their education as guaranteed by the Colorado constitution and both Colorado and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted policies AC, ADD, GBA, GBAA, GBK, JB, JBB, JICDA, JIH, JII, and JRA/JRC to support students and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools and its Superintendent hereby declare that they will continue to support all students, families, and staff

to foster an inclusive and safe learning environment and that it is in the best interest of students to keep student learning at the center of all decision making, and that this necessitates:

- Promoting excellent attendance for every student,
- Providing rigorous and engaging learning experiences every day,
- Actively working to limit distractions to student learning;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to provide a quality public education to every student, regardless of a child or family member's citizenship/immigration status:

- The District will continue its practices of adhering to FERPA (Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act), not inquiring about or recording the immigration status of students or student's family members, and not disclosing any student's personally identifiable information without parent or guardian consent,
- The District will assist families in keeping emergency contacts up to date and otherwise support families in making emergency plans should families feel the need to do so, and will support students who may feel that they and their families are at risk,
- The District will not cooperate in any effort to enforce federal immigration law, and will ensure that District policies and procedures reflect that intention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall use its lawful powers to protect our LGBTQ students, family members, and staff members, including through the implementation of Title IX and other related state and federal laws and District policies, and an ongoing commitment to creating schools that are free of harassment, hate speech, and discrimination;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ensuring every stakeholder feels a sense of belonging and engagement within our schools and across our District, will require a District-wide commitment to improvement, learning, and growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that District administration shall communicate this resolution to District families, students, staff, and other stakeholders.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of February 2025.

(District Seal)

Thomas Moe President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Daisy Lechman Secretary, Board of Education