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A Resolution of the Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education in Support of Amendment 87, the "Income Tax Fairness Act" Measure

WHEREAS, public education is the bedrock of our democracy, fundamental to individual opportunity, the foundation of thriving communities, and essential to Colorado's long-term economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 87 is projected to provide meaningful new annual funding to the Mapleton Public School District, supporting local priorities such as student and staff safety and security, staffing, class size, and student services; and

WHEREAS, sustained and adequate investment in Colorado's public schools is critical to maintaining the state's economic competitiveness and has been shown to yield strong returns, including higher graduation rates, increased lifetime earnings, and reduced long-term public costs; and

WHEREAS, Colorado educators and support staff make invaluable contributions to students and communities despite one of the largest teacher wage gaps in the nation, and research demonstrates that improved compensation is directly linked to better student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's school funding has not kept pace with modern educational demands, with inflation-adjusted per-pupil funding near 1989 levels, and increasing cost pressures related to staffing, health care, technology, and student needs; and

WHEREAS, Colorado school districts face additional challenges, including increased needs among at-risk students, English language learners, and students with disabilities, requiring greater resources to ensure equitable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, school districts face increasing expectations and costs to ensure safe and secure learning environments, including investments in facility security, mental health supports, and emergency preparedness, all of which are essential to students' well-being and their ability to learn; and

WHEREAS, recent adequacy studies commissioned by the Colorado General Assembly found that Colorado's school funding is inequitable and insufficient, estimating a need for approximately $4 billion in additional funding; and

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WHEREAS, Amendment 87 would create a sustainable, voter-approved revenue stream by establishing a graduated income tax system that is projected to reduce taxes for approximately 99.7% of tax filers in Adams County while asking the highest-income earners to contribute more; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 87 is projected to generate new revenue of at least $2.0 -$2.7 billion annually, including new funding for K-12 public education, health care, and early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, these investments would support improved teacher compensation, expanded student support services, and more equitable educational opportunities for all Colorado students;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of Mapleton Public Schools formally endorses Amendment 87, the "Income Tax Fairness Act" measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages community members to learn about and consider the benefits of Amendment 87; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent to share this resolution with stakeholders and the broader community to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable and adequate funding for public education.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Authorized Signature	Witness
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