



BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 26-30 IN OPPOSITION TO COLORADO PROPOSITION 134

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boulder Valley School District is to create challenging, meaningful and engaging learning opportunities so that all children thrive and are prepared for successful, civically engaged lives;

WHEREAS, in order to learn and thrive, children must know that the School 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 compositions, or physical characteristics;

WHEREAS, students deserve to feel safe and honored for who they are;

WHEREAS, local school boards are entrusted with making operational decisions that best serve their students and communities while complying with applicable laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, Colorado Proposition 134 would require the Colorado Revised Statutes to define participation in school athletics according to biological sex assigned at birth, replacing locally developed approaches with an unfunded mandate affecting students across the state;

WHEREAS, participation in school athletics contributes to students' physical health, mental well-being, academic engagement, leadership development, teamwork, confidence, and sense of belonging;

WHEREAS, Colorado schools have long worked to provide athletic opportunities that are equitable, educationally meaningful, and responsive to the diverse needs of students through established policies and oversight by school districts and athletic governing organizations;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that all students deserve opportunities to participate in school activities in ways that promote fairness, inclusion, dignity, and student well-being;

WHEREAS, implementation of these statutory requirements would require significant time across multiple departments, including school boards, school district administration, human resources, athletic departments, school principals, and staff to develop and revise policies, administrative procedures, eligibility processes, staff training, recordkeeping practices, and appeals procedures;



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WHEREAS, school districts would be required to respond to disputes regarding athletic eligibility, increasing demands on administrators, athletic directors, coaches, and legal counsel;

WHEREAS, uncertainty regarding how school districts would verify athletic eligibility and administer any required review process would create additional administrative responsibilities and increase the potential for legal disputes;

WHEREAS, Proposition 134 does not provide dedicated state funding to offset the administrative, legal, or operational costs associated with implementation;

WHEREAS, every dollar spent implementing new unfunded state mandates is a dollar unavailable for classroom instruction, teacher compensation, school safety, transportation, career and technical education, and services that directly benefit students; and,

WHEREAS, the Board believes decisions affecting students are best made through thoughtful educational policies informed by educators, families, students, medical professionals, and athletic governing organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boulder Valley School District Board of Education opposes Colorado Proposition 134 and:

1. Affirms its commitment to fiscal responsibility and responsible stewardship of public resources.
2. Expresses concern that Proposition 134 would increase administrative workload, legal exposure, and compliance costs for school districts at a time when educational resources should remain focused on student learning and achievement.
3. Reaffirms the importance of preserving local control and allowing school districts to focus their resources on educating students rather than administering additional state mandates.
4. Reaffirms its commitment to providing learning environments where every student is treated with dignity, respect, and belonging.
5. Affirms that school athletics remain educational opportunities that support student development, health, teamwork, and inclusion.

The School District shall distribute this Resolution by regular and customary means and Board Members and School District leadership are authorized to publicly speak and inform the public of the School Board's adoption of this Resolution in opposition to Proposition 134.



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Be it further resolved that the BVSD Board of Education encourages all community members to take part in the 2026 election.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of October, 2026.

By: _____
Nicole Rajpal, President

Attest:

Laura Shafer, Secretary