



# COLORADO

## State Board of Education

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### State Board of Education Resolution

Adopted: March 12, 2025

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education is charged under Article IX, Section 1 of the state constitution to oversee the general supervision of the public schools in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, at the foundation of this charge is the responsibility to ensure that all students in Colorado are learning to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the state saw progress this year with increases in high school graduation rates, decreases in drop-out rates, and 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress results showing Colorado 8th graders outperforming their national peers in reading and math and 4th graders surpassing the national average in reading; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the state continue with this progress because, while the state saw improvements, more work is needed to ensure the success of every student and to close performance gaps across groups of students; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Colorado's students attend public schools; and

WHEREAS, students must attend school to learn; and

WHEREAS, toward this end, the Department of Education has set a "Wildly Important Goal" to cut chronic absenteeism in half by 2028; and

WHEREAS, as a board, across political lines, we are committed to supporting public schools to ensure that all students feel safe and supported in schools; and

WHEREAS, we are aware that Colorado schools serve diverse communities who may feel worried or uncertain about the safety of their students; and

WHEREAS, since the Supreme Court's 1982 decision, *Plyler v. Doe*, federal law has recognized the right of all children, regardless of immigration status, to enroll in public school; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Education believes that we should be advocating across the political spectrum to ensure that our schools are safe places where learning is not disrupted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education recognizes that, as a matter of local control, all districts and schools may have different approaches that reflect conversations with their legal counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the actions of law enforcement to remove violent criminals from Colorado and, in so doing, making our school children safer when they walk to school and back home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board believes that all approaches should be rooted in student learning, student safety, and an equal opportunity for all students to learn.

