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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-011

101 CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING PARENTS' RIGHT TO
102 BE INVOLVED IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

1 WHEREAS, Students with parents involved in their education are
2 more likely to have higher grades and demonstrate stronger academic
3 skills, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved
4 behavior, and adapt well to school; and

5 WHEREAS, The most accurate predictors of student academic
6 achievement are not family income or social status, but the extent to
7 which the child's family creates an environment that encourages learning,
8 is involved in the child's education and achievement at school, and
9 communicates high expectations for the child's achievement; and

10 WHEREAS, When parents are involved in their child's education,

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1 the academic performance of not only the child, but of all children at the
2 school, tends to improve; and

3 WHEREAS, Students do better academically and socially when
4 positive relationships between the school and parents exist; and

5 WHEREAS, Parents' involvement in their child's education is
6 crucial to an effective and high-achieving education system in Colorado;
7 now, therefore,

8 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*
9 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*
10 *concurring herein:*

11 (1) That parents have the right to choose the school for their child
12 that best meets the academic needs of their child, including the right to
13 send their child to a school outside of their designated school district;

14 (2) That parents have the right to know what their child is being
15 taught in school, including, but not limited to, the curriculum; books and
16 other instructional materials; who is teaching their child, including guest
17 lecturers and outside presenters; and information on individuals and
18 organizations that are receiving school contracts and funding;

19 (3) That parents have the right to their child's academic data,
20 including test scores and all school records concerning their child;

21 (4) That parents have the right to expect that their child's personal
22 information will be kept private and not be disclosed to any third party
23 without the parents' consent, and they have a right to information about
24 the collection and transmission of the child's data;

25 (5) That parents have the right to know how their child is
26 performing in school, how well the child's school is performing, and how
27 much money is being spent in each school;

28 (6) That parents have a right to establish charter schools in any
29 district in Colorado;

30 (7) That parents have the right to have funding follow their child
31 based on their child's needs, not on the needs of the education system;

1 (8) That parents have the right for their child to access academic
2 acceleration opportunities, such as advanced placement, international
3 baccalaureate, dual enrollment, and industry credentials;

4 (9) That parents have the right to know that when their child
5 graduates, their child will be college or career ready;

6 (10) That parents have the right to have sufficient accountability
7 and transparency regarding school boards and school board meetings
8 pertaining to student curriculum, safety, and other student-related
9 concerns, and therefore those meetings should be held open to the public
10 and allow for public comments; and

11 (11) That parents have the right to know about situations affecting
12 the safety of their child at school.

13 *Be it further resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
14 to Governor Jared Polis, members of the Colorado State Board of
15 Education, and Commissioner of Education Dr. Katy Anthes.