

# DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE.1

## **Resolution Approving a Transportation Fee April 20, 2010**

**WHEREAS**, in our current state, the fiscal health of the State of Colorado is compromised, revenue shortfalls in Douglas County School District Re-1 are significant, and state funding for K-12 has been and is expected to be reduced;

**WHEREAS**, Colorado law states that the board of education of a school district may furnish transportation to and from public schools of the district for any pupils enrolled in the schools of the district;

**WHEREAS**, provision by school districts for the transportation of pupils is not required by the Colorado Constitution as a part of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools;

**WHEREAS**, under Colorado law, the board of education of a school district that furnishes transportation to pupils may impose and collect a fee for the payment of excess transportation costs pursuant to a fee schedule adopted by a resolution of the board of education of the district;

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Education heard a recommendation from its District Accountability Committee (DAC), in a duly noticed public meeting on February 16, 2010, support for both an imposition of a transportation fee and the proposed fee schedule;

**WHEREAS**, in a duly noticed public meeting on March 2, 2010, this Board heard a recommendation from its Superintendent and Administration a Budget Reduction Plan that imposes a transportation fee and the proposed fee schedule for 2010-11;

**WHEREAS**, in a duly noticed public meeting on April 6, 2010, this Board considered a Proposed Student Fees and Field Trip Fees for FY 2010-2011 and took action to approve the fee schedule, including a transportation fee of \$.50/ride;

**WHEREAS**, the school district board of education has specifically taken into account the recommendations received from the, Superintendent, administration, DAC, teachers, parents, and students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District, Re. 1:

**THAT**, costs in accordance with this resolution and Colorado law, a student Transportation Fee of \$.50 per ride (one-way) is hereby approved to be

implemented beginning with the 2010-2011 School Year, and shall be for the payment of excess transportation;

**THAT**, “excess transportation costs” means the current operating expenditures for pupil transportation, as defined in C.R.S. 22-51-102(1), minus any reimbursement entitlement, as defined in C.R.S. 22-51-102(4), and the calculation of excess transportation costs shall be based upon amounts expended and amounts received for the twelve-month period ending on June 30 prior to the adoption of the fee schedule;

**THAT**, all students currently afforded district transportation will be allowed to continue to use district transportation subject to a transportation fee and in accordance with this resolution;

**THAT**, only those pupils who use the transportation services are required to pay the transportation fee;

**THAT**, the fee for the transportation of pupils shall be waived for any pupil who is eligible for a reduced-cost meal or free meal pursuant to the “National School Lunch Act”, 42 U.S.C. sec. 1751 et seq.; and

**THAT**, the school district shall deposit any revenues received from the imposition of the transportation fee pursuant to the provisions of this subsection (5) in the transportation fund of the district created in C.R.S. 22-45-103(1)(f).

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2010.

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President

(SEAL)

Attest:

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Secretary