

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF OURAY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1
SUBJECT: STATE OF COLORADO EDUCATION FUNDING

WHEREAS, for the past five years the funding of K-12 education has been burdened with a "negative factor", resulting in proportional across-the-board cuts to programs to all Colorado school districts, and,

WHEREAS, when these reductions in spending were necessitated each school district was given latitude to make the decisions on program priorities that were uniquely tailored to its students' needs, and,

WHEREAS, we therefore believe that as revenues are increased, each school district should be given the same latitude in determining the priorities in restoring or funding programs, a concept completely in concert with the principle of local control, and,

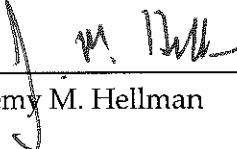
WHEREAS, the defeat of Colorado Constitutional Amendment 66, which would have funded the proposed legislation SB13-213, was due in part to redirected priorities in funding that would have favored students in some districts at the expense of students in others, and,

WHEREAS, while many specific endeavors that alternative spending proposals would earmark are admirable, those program needs can be addressed by allowing all districts to proportionally recover their funding statutorily prescribed under the 1994 School Finance Act, and,

WHEREAS, the majority of Colorado school district superintendents have already taken the position that restorative funding of K-12 education should be first directed at the reduction and elimination of the negative factor,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Ouray School District R-1 supports and joins the position of numerous Colorado District superintendents, including the Ouray School District R-1 superintendent, who have stated that any new resources for K-12 education funding should be directed first at reducing and ultimately eliminating the negative factor before designating funding toward specific programs.

APPROVED this 24th day of March, 2014 by a vote of 4-0.



President, Board of Education
Jeremy M. Hellman

ATTEST: 
BOE Secretary