THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J

RESOLUTION

(Adoption of Plan for Distribution of Additional Mill Levy Revenue)

WHEREAS, House Bill 17-1375, codified as Section 22-32-108.5, C.R.S. (2017), provides that a “participating school district” may create and adopt a plan, to be effective in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, to allocate all or a portion of “additional mill levy revenue” to charter schools and innovation schools authorized by a school district; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Thompson School District R2-J (School District) have generously approved additional mill levy revenues for specific purposes in elections held in 1999 (1999 MLO) and 2006 (2006 MLO); and

WHEREAS, the School District is a participating school district because it collects additional mill levy revenue, is a district of innovation, and has authorized charter schools within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-32-108.5(4)(a), C.R.S., expressly provides that the distribution of additional mill levy revenues is “subject to statutory limits or requirements that apply to specific mill levy authorizations and any purposes specifically approved by voters in approving additional mill levy revenue;” and

WHEREAS, the School District’s voters in the 1999 MLO and 2006 MLO authorized and approved mill levy override revenues for specific purposes that the Board of Education has honored in every year since obtaining voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has authorized Monroe Elementary and Winona Elementary as innovation schools in the School District and is a party to ongoing charter school contracts with New Vision Charter School and Loveland Classical Schools; and

WHEREAS, the School District has historically provided incremental funding to charter schools from the School District’s general fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered and held a public meeting concerning the adoption of a plan under Section 22-32-108.5, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the School District to honor the specific authorizations approved by the voters in the 1999 MLO and 2006 MLO, the revenues from which have been consistently allocated since approval.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Thompson School District R2-J that, unless and until otherwise updated and modified by the Board in future budget years, which authority is hereby specifically granted by law and reserved, the Board adopts the following H.B. 17-1375 Plan:

A. That, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the School District will allocate to its charter schools and innovation schools incremental funding from general fund reserves on the same basis and at the same level as was done in the 2017-2018 fiscal year; and

B. That, unless otherwise modified by the Board as reserved above, commencing in fiscal year 2019-2020, the 1999 MLO will continue to be allocated and distributed according to the following purpose specifically approved by the voters for “funding new costs for operating Mountain View High School;” and

C. That, unless otherwise modified by the Board as reserved above, commencing in fiscal year 2019-2020, the 2006 MLO will continue to be allocated and distributed according to the following purposes specifically approved by the voters for “restoring the 54 teaching positions in order to reduce class size and return the student teacher ratio to the 2005-06 level;” and “funding utility and operating costs of new schools and additions authorized in the 2005 bond;” and

D. That, unless otherwise modified by the Board as reserved above and as long as the language of voter approval permits, commencing in fiscal year 2019-2020, the remaining, unrestricted additional mill levy revenues authorized in the 1999 MLO and the 2006 MLO will be allocated to charter and innovation schools authorized by and within the School District at the rate of 95% of the School District’s per pupil remaining, unrestricted additional mill levy revenues from those MLOs multiplied by the number of students enrolled in each charter school and innovation school for the applicable budget year; and

E. That, the School District’s H.B. 17-1375 Plan will include an estimate of the amount, a description, and the benefits to district students of additional mill levy revenues that the School District spends on administrative services or other district-level uses; and

F. That, in the event future additional mill levy revenue ballot questions are approved by the School District’s voters, the new revenues will be allocated by any specific methods included in the ballot language authorizations and any purposes specifically approved by voters. Absent any restrictions, 95% of the new additional mill levy revenues will be allocated to the School District’s charter schools and innovation schools operating within the boundaries of the School District that are authorized by the Board of Education by a percentage derived by dividing each charter or innovation school’s audited funded pupil count by the School District’s total audited funded pupil count; and
G. The Board of Education will periodically review this H.B. 17-1375 Plan and update it, if and as necessary, to ensure that the remaining, unrestricted additional mill levy revenues authorized in the 1999 MLO and the 2006 MLO, as defined above, will be equitably distributed consistent with applicable law.

Approved and adopted this 20th day of June, 2018.

THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J

By: ____________________________

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Secretary to the Board of Education