



COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A RESOLUTION:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2005

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Longitudinal Growth/SAR - Propose clean-up legislation to ensure reliability and meaningfulness of the longitudinal growth rating on the School Accountability Reports.
- SARs and Unsatisfactory Schools – Propose increased flexibility and State Board discretion in directing multiple remedies for ‘Unsatisfactory’ schools beyond what is currently in statute (SB-186).

FINANCE

- At-risk Funding for Non-English Speakers – Encourage the Legislature to restore the \$4 million in the at-risk funding factor of the School Finance Act for ELL students.
- Full-day Kindergarten/Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) – Back the proposal of the Office of State Planning & Budgeting (OSPB) to restore funding in 05-06 of CPP to the original 11,050 slots and encourage full-day kindergarten as an effective intervention for at-risk populations.
- Online Education Funding – Ensure accessibility for all Colorado students.
- School Trust Lands – Encourage the Legislature to follow the state Constitution’s requirement that school trust land funds are to be used to supplement, not supplant, the School Finance Act.
- Restoration of Library Funding – Reiterate the Board’s current budget request of \$60,500 for libraries.

SCHOOL CHOICE

- Resolution on Principles of School Choice – Reaffirm the Board’s resolution on school choice and encourage the Legislature to follow the guidelines in it when considering any bill related to school choice.
- Bonding for Institute Charter Schools – If the Charter Institute Board is interested in securing bonding access through the Cultural Facilities District, the State Board will support their efforts.

GENERAL

- State Board Authority – One overall principle favored by the Board is to have legislation give the Board more flexibility to put specifics of implementation in rule.

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