

COMPASS MONTESSORI
Board of Directors
Proposed Resolution
September 27, 2016

The Board of Directors for Compass Montessori School in Wheat Ridge, and Compass Montessori Secondary School in Golden, acknowledge the following:

- On August 2nd, the Jefferson County Board of Education passed a resolution asking voters to approve additional funding for Jefferson County Public Schools through the “3A” and “3B” ballot questions, which will be placed on the November Ballot,
- Compass Montessori Schools are both Colorado not-for-profit corporations operating under public charters authorized by Jefferson County School District, and as such are part of the Jefferson County Public Schools family,
- Compass Montessori supports the advancement of quality public education in Jefferson County regardless of school type and students served,
- The leadership of Jefferson County Public Schools – including the Jefferson County Board of Education and the employees of Jefferson County Public Schools district – have demonstrated an enthusiastic commitment to supporting high quality education for all students in Jefferson County,
- Jefferson County is a great place to live and raise a family, and its children deserve high quality public educational opportunities,
- Chronic underfunding at the state level for public education has created a significant financial shortfall of funding to operate and maintain facilities in Jefferson County,
- The state has withheld an average of \$81,000,000.00 per year of constitutionally mandated minimum funding from Jefferson County public schools through the “negative factor” budget rescission process over the past seven years,
- Jefferson County Public Schools is pursuing a path towards greater financial independence from the state by “controlling our own destiny” through the 3A and 3B ballot questions, and
- Jefferson County Public Schools, including public charter schools, would benefit from passage of both ballot questions (3A and 3B)
- Compass Montessori Schools would benefit from passage of both ballot questions (3A and 3B) by approximately \$7,000,000 in facilities support for two schools over approximately five years, and approximately \$400 per student per year in annual operating mill levy support.

In light of the above, the Compass Montessori Board of Directors HEREBY RESOLVES that it supports passage of the 3A and 3B ballot questions that will be asked of Jefferson County voters during the November, 2016, General Election.