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Jeffco Board of Education Discusses First Quarter Finances, Reviews Charter Application, and Approves Superintendent Performance Pay

Golden, Colo. (November 6, 2015) – Last night, the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Jeffco Education Center. The Board conditionally approved the application of a charter school, discussed the district’s quarterly financial report, approved performance pay for the superintendent, and presented awards to students and staff receiving state and national recognition for their work.

The Board of Education voted in favor of a resolution to approve the application of the Doral Academy of Colorado. The resolution included conditions for the school to operate within the district, including maintaining a balanced budget, using sound business practices, and ensuring that parents of students hold at least 40 percent of the seats on the school board. A contract between Jeffco Public Schools and Doral Academy of Colorado is planned to be finalized within the next 90 days.

Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Askelson provided the Board with information about the district’s finances for the first quarter of the 2015-2016 school year. While expenditures have increased by 3 percent over the past year due to increased compensation and benefits, revenues have also increased due to an increase in state funding. However, expenditures for the Capital Reserve Fund, the Building Fund, and the Employee Benefits Fund are between 28 percent and 43 percent of the annual budget, and additional appropriation of funds may be necessary to comply with state statute.

Five students at Golden High School were commended for their award-winning submissions to the CSPAN StudentCam documentary competition. Alexa VanSchaardenburg and Ethan Cranston won third place for their documentary, “Marijuana in Colorado - The Road to Ruin or Reward”. Olivia Bohl, Angelee Davis, and Jacob Fettig received an honorable mention for their documentary, "Should Space Exploration and Travel be Publicly Funded?". Additionally, the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) of Colorado recognized Falcon Bluffs Middle School teacher Allyn Atadero as the "2015 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year". Each of the award winners received acknowledgment and award certificates by the Board of Education for their accomplishments.

Superintendent Dan McMinimee also received performance pay approval from the Board of Education for the 2014-2015 school year. For further information, please see the Board resolution, located [here](#).

About Jeffco Public Schools

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco School. Our mission is to provide a



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quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district has 155 schools on 168 campuses. Additional information about Jeffco Public Schools can be found at JeffcoPublicSchools.org.

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