

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 58**

Series of 2009

TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REMOVING THE OPTIONS IDENTIFIED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS FACILITIES USAGE COMMITTEE THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT THE SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE

WHEREAS, the economic recession coupled with the increasing cost of providing services has created challenges for our communities. The Jefferson County School District has identified possible solutions to the budget decisions the District is facing; and

WHEREAS, the options identified by the Facilities Usage Committee are:

- 21B Close and sell Pennington Elementary School
- 22A Move sixth grade to Wheat Ridge Middle School; distribute students from Martensen to Stevens, Molholm, Wilmore Davis which will all be K-5
- 22B Make Wheat Ridge Middle School/Stevens Elementary School a K-8 campus and close Martensen

WHEREAS, the impact of these proposals is significant and will negatively impact the availability of public school choices for Wheat Ridge citizens by 33 percent; and

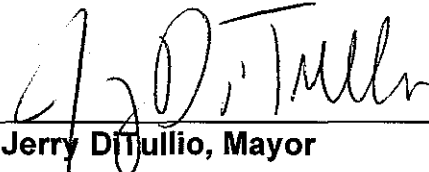
WHEREAS, Wheat Ridge is working hard to reposition our community, and quality of schools are the cornerstone of retaining and attracting strong households. The closures and consolidation of students as outlined in the three options create new challenges to our City, as well as, to low and middle income families in Wheat Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Schools has made considerable investments in Wheat Ridge over the past several years from capital improvements, student achievement and community. The impact of the proposed solutions without consideration of long-term impacts on our community will affect future generations of students, families, business and the County as a whole.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council stand ready to help devise a plan that is more palatable to Wheat Ridge and Jefferson County Schools alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Wheat Ridge City Council, ask that the Jefferson County School Board, Administration and the Facilities Usage Committee remove options 21B, 22A and 22B identified for the schools within the City of Wheat Ridge.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 14th day of December, 2009.



Jerry DiTullio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael Snow, City Clerk