



**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRIORITY OF ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION OVER SOCIAL
AGENDAS IN SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF
EDUCATION REENVISIONED BOCES**

WHEREAS, this Education reEnvisioned BOCES board is constituted of representatives of school boards duly elected by the families of member school districts, said boards authorized by the Colorado Constitution with control of instruction in authorized public schools and programs;

WHEREAS, the Education reEnvisioned BOCES (“ERBOCES”) is committed to providing free and appropriate public education that affords every student an opportunity to realize their full potential in academic achievement;

WHEREAS, ensuring a safe and positive instructional environment for students attending public education in schools and programs operated by ERBOCES is a priority for this Board and Administration;

WHEREAS, ensuring parental involvement in educational and health decisions is a priority for this Board and Administration;

WHEREAS, the mission of public education must be education, not indoctrination on social issues;

WHEREAS, the legislature in April of 2024, passed House Bill 24-1039, an Act “Concerning non-legal name changes for students in schools”) and placed an affirmative duty on public schools to use a student’s chosen name, where “chosen name” is defined as “any name that a student requests to be known as that differs from the student’s legal name, to reflect the student’s gender identity”, under threat of discrimination charges should an educator fail to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION REENVISIONED BOCES:

1. ERBOCES authorizes and directs the Executive Director to draft an administrative policy regarding student’s chosen names “to reflect the student’s gender identity”, wherein clarity is maintained concerning when a student has chosen such a non-legal name “to reflect the student’s gender identity” so the district may comply with law, and in such a manner as to avoid disruption of the learning environment.
2. The policy shall ensure the student’s parents or guardians, as primary decision makers in the education of their children, are informed of the student’s name choice and the obligation of any Colorado public school to honor it pursuant to the passage of HB-24-1039 into Colorado law.
3. The policy shall ensure a documented process is implemented at the school administrative level to avoid confusion concerning what name is in effect at any given time, to avoid frequent, disingenuous name changes, to avoid inappropriate names, to ensure the academic learning environment is not disrupted with management of this process, and to ensure teachers are aware of the opportunity to use last names of students if desired.



This Education reEnvisioned BOCES Board Resolution 2024-05-14 is duly adopted by the Education reEnvisioned BOCES Board of Directors on May 14, 2024.

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Attest: _____
Secretary, Education reEnvisioned BOCES Board