

BILINGUAL-BICULTURAL EDUCATION

- WHEREAS, Throughout the State of Colorado there is a need for greater understanding in the area of human relations, and
- WHEREAS, There is a need for equal education opportunity for all children and youth in Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, There are many numbers of children and youth from different cultural backgrounds who are hindered in the regular school progress because of limited English language skills, and
- WHEREAS, Colorado is made up of many different ethnic and cultural groups, and
- WHEREAS, Colorado has two such major cultural groups such as the Native American and the Spanish surnamed, and
- WHEREAS, There is a need for meaningful bridges between the home and the schools, and
- WHEREAS, There is a need to build a stronger partnership between the schools and the community, especially with people of other cultural backgrounds, and
- WHEREAS, The dropout rate among children and youth of different ethnic backgrounds is disproportionately higher in our public schools, and
- WHEREAS, The Bilingual Education Concept can help prevent remedial programs, reduce dropout rate and limit the numbers in special education, and
- WHEREAS, Bilingual Education is using English and a partner language as medium for instruction, the partner language being the main second language in the community, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the PTAs at all organizational levels in the State of Colorado be encouraged to support and promote the development of bilingual-multicultural education in their schools.

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Replaced by 1986 Resolution