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Office of Charter Schools,

Arapahoe Charter School is seeking approval for a revision to its mission statement. The purpose of this revision is to modernize the school's mission, amending it from a one page document down to a concise, effective statement that has utility. The original mission statement adopted in 1997 is lengthy and impossible for a student to commit to memory.

The new concise statement was carefully crafted by a team of teachers, parents, community members, and students to ensure it maintained the intent of the school's original mission. The statement was then presented to our nine member Board of Directors consisting of three teachers, three parents, and three community members for further discussion and revision. On April 10th, 2025 the Board of Directors unanimously approved the committees recommendation as written:

Proposed Mission Statement

The Arapahoe Charter School community will empower students by recognizing their diverse needs, creating a challenging and supportive learning environment, and promoting positive impacts in an ever changing society.

The original 1997 mission statement of the school is linked at the conclusion of this letter due to its length. This revision process was orchestrated by the Board and carried out by a team of stakeholders as described above. We request that our new mission be reviewed and approved by the Charter School Review Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at cody.edwards@arapahoecharter.org, at april.hester@arapahoecharter.org, or at 252-699-0100 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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