



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS FOR THE JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population each decade and has designation April 1 as Census Day for the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, an accurate count of persons living in the school district and communities in the 2020 Census helps determine the representation of individuals, families, and communities in our local, state, and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the more informed that residents become about the 2020 census operations, the better their understanding of the census process becomes, thus increasing their willingness to participate in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau cannot publicly release responses furnished by any individual, or on behalf of an individual, or release information to other governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, law enforcement agencies or welfare agencies; and

WHEREAS, Colorado school districts received \$3.56 billion between 2011 and 2018 for federal programs such as nutrition reimbursements, special education, and Title I; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments, as well as community-based organizations, can play a critical role in reaching traditionally undercounted or hard-to-reach populations and ensuring these communities get counted in 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education, superintendent, principals, teachers, family organizations, and all local leaders in the community to communicate the importance of the Census to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jeffco Public Schools (JPS) Board of Education recognizes the importance of the 2020 Census and encourages a complete count of all students and their families residing within the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jeffco Public Schools is committed to working in partnership with other community stakeholders and the State of Colorado to engage, educate, and count every resident in our community and Jefferson County in the 2020 Census.

Adopted this 30th day of January 2020.



JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1

Susan Harmon, President

ATTEST:

Stephanie Schooley, Secretary